

**This week in Early Years, our topic is**  
**'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Maps'.**  
**(9.1.12)**

<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	We will continue to adapt to the changes to our classrooms and associated routines. We will talk about trying our best and about setting ourselves goals/targets. In Circle Time we will play games to help Jessica learn our names and get to know us.
<b>Communication, Language and Literacy Development</b>	We will read and talk about the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and will add actions as we read. We will talk about the characters and events and will begin to 'act out' the story in our new role-play cave. In phonics we will learn to recognise the tricky word 'go' and about the 'l' sound and the ways it can be represented. We will read and spell words and captions, such as lip, bell, <b>go</b> to the log hut, and will write labels for the maps we draw.
<b>Mathematical Development</b>	We will practise counting backwards and will sing songs involving taking away/finding 1 less. We will solve simple subtraction problems using objects to help us e.g. If I have 4 berries and the bear eats 3, how many will be left?
<b>Knowledge and Understanding of the World</b>	We will talk about maps and will make simple maps to show the journey of the characters in the story. We will practise our navigational skills by using the arrow keys on the keyboard to find a route through a simple maze on the computers and will begin using the remote control bugs. We will also practise using the CD player in the classroom.
<b>Physical Development</b>	We will practise balancing in our Gym session and will use small equipment in our games session in PE. We will practise manipulating materials in different ways e.g. tearing, ripping, squashing etc. during our Art activities.
<b>Creative Development</b>	We will collage the different areas from the story e.g. long, tall grass/ thick oozy mud and will use the instruments to add sound effects to the story.

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