



19th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

During this time, we would like to invite you to take part in a **Household John Muir Level 1 award**. S1-3 students in school are taking part in the individual John Muir award.

This is a really flexible award which is a great way to get to know your local area and have fun learning about nature.

While working towards this award you will take part in tasks which encourage you to complete the Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share challenges that make up the John Muir award.

Every two weeks, we will set some tasks which you can do at home, in a way that suits your household, with as many of you as would like to take part. This is not an individual award, so it is in addition to a John Muir award your young person may already have achieved or is achieving in school. Tasks will be sent home in the packs that you will receive. They are the same tasks students in school will be doing for their John Muir Award. The tasks will require minimal planning and equipment, and will mostly use natural resources and materials. You can use these tasks as they are or use them to inspire a task that you would like to do. They are open to your interpretation. Your challenges can be done at home, in the garden or during your time outdoors.

To achieve the award, you will work through four challenges:

Discover - identify a place or places that have some natural character. This could be your garden or a walk that you take. You can discover more than one space during this award.

Explore – This is really getting to know the space(s) that you have chosen. For example: Can you visit it at different times of the day? What do you hear, see, smell? What is the history of the place?

Conserve – This is you taking some action. For example: If it is your garden, could you plant some wild flowers? Could you leave a pile of leaves for minibeasts to live in? Could you make a poster to encourage people to take their litter home?



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Share – this is when you tell people what you have done. A great way to do this is to send us your pictures of what you have done. And if you are happy for us to share on Twitter, we will. This is a really important part. Sharing the work you have done enables us to gather the evidence to show that you have completed the tasks. This can be through photos, videos, drawings, stories, pretty much any way that you would like to record what you have done. In other settings some people have completed some tasks taking screenshots of the world they have created on Minecraft!

There is lots of information on the John Muir Trust website

<https://www.johnmuirtrust.org/our-work>.

Please get in touch if there is any help that we can give regarding this award.

Yours faithfully,

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