Dear Beavers

Your challenge this week is to - Flower & leaf press!

Go out with your family – and collect some flowers, leaves or grass heads from your garden and press them, in a few weeks remove them and use them to make a card or picture

Your parents / adult needs to identify flowers or plants that you can pick. Do not collect things like orchids or anything else listed on the banned list (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/8)

If you go walking to find your plants you must only pluck the flower or leaves – DO NOT UPROOT the plant and its roots.

You will need

- Scissors
- Paper clean dry – spare printer paper Mum or Dads work has finished with – this must fit under/inside the press. Don't use kitchen roll as this is embossed. Newspaper may work
- A stack of heavy books or storage boxes, or bricks to act as a press.
- Somewhere cool and dry to leave them for a few weeks

What to do

- Look around your garden and choose a few pretty coloured flowers or different coloured and sized leaves, use gloves if necessary nettle leaves are lovely pressed – but they sting even when picked!
- Lay the plant leaves and heads on a table and arrange them on the paper, don't let them over hang. Try to keep them apart or they will stick together and tear when ready.
- Place another layer of paper ontop and squash the plant paper sandwich beneath a stack of books
- If lots of plant paper sandwiches use a few layers of paper between each sandwich. The plant will dry and the liquid bleed into the paper so protect your books etc with extra layers of paper.
- Leave for 2-3 weeks – don't be tempted to open or they will move and fall apart.
- When ready open them up and arrange on a card or use as decoration. Open carefully and gently lift from the paper surface.

Lockdown diary

- You may want to have a look at your diary and fill in a few pages before we go into the summer holidays

Badgework

- Some of the badgework was for you to over a series of weeks – others you may want to do it during the summer holiday.
- Let us know what you have done & when and we will send you your badges – photos help – and if you've taken them they will count towards your photography badge too!

Your badge work so far

Week 1	World /Skills	Lockdown diary	
	Builder	Make a model	
	Global Issues	Recycle	
Week 2	Nights away	sleep in campbed	
	Animal friend	Look after pet/ study spider	
	Skills/ world	Make banner/ write letter	
Week 3	Outdoor/ Adventure Hike	Go for walk/ study whats happening	
Week 4	Outdoor Nights away	Knots and shelter	
Week 5	Outdoor	Pond dipping	
Week 6	Outdoor Cook	Cake in mug	
Week 7	Skills/ World	Keyring & card	
Week 8	Outdoor/ adventure	Bug hunt scavenger hunt photography	
Week 9	Outdoor/ Adventure Hiking	Tracking	
Week 10	Outdoor/ Adventure Skills	Plant press	

You can pace yourselves and do as much or as little as you want. If you do part or all of the work please take photos and share with us on this address - address to Beavers! The activities are absolutely optional and cover a range of abilities. Please stay safe and well and try to help your parents, as you will need their help with some of the ideas. Enjoy & we look forward to seeing & hearing what you get up to.

Bagheera & Hedgehog