

**Try this fab pirate game to learn all sorts of skills:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvzd8xs/articles/z6vyf4j>

**Can you give Captain Cook directions to get to the treasure?**

In maths and geography we use positional and directional language to give instructions. This can include compass points such as North, South, East and West, as well as everyday language like left and right, next to, behind the ..., past the... etc. Here is a video about giving directions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UKAS93uoQ4>

A story: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z7kwmp3>

A song: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2I81\\_BFb-s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2I81_BFb-s)

Take it in turns with your child to hide 'treasure' and then give each other directions to find it. If you have a compass, or an app with a compass that would be great. You could even draw a treasure map with compass points on it!

**Can you make a treasure chest of different materials?**

Find out about different materials by watching this video:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zf7jmp3>

Or you can explore materials and their properties here:

<https://www.purplemash.com/#tab/pm-home/science/materials>

I have also assigned some books about materials to all children on Getepic.com. It is important that children understand that the word material doesn't just mean fabric - everything around us is made of different materials. Discuss what material some objects at home are made of and encourage your child to describe them. Use an egg box to collect a treasure chest of materials with properties such as these: dull, shiny, bendy, squashy, rough, smooth, hard, soft etc.

**Gardening:** Some of you have already shared your gardening successes with me, but if you haven't already thought about planting any seeds, now is the ideal time to start! You can pick up some really cheap seeds in shops such as Lidl and it's a great way to cover the plants part of the science curriculum. Radishes and rocket grow really quickly and runner beans have lovely red flowers and don't need to take up too much room if you grow them up bamboo supports - you can even grow them in a large pot if you don't have much space. It's also a good way to get fussy eaters to try new foods!