

Start at York Road Gates and take the path to the right.

Bertie arrives at the gates of Maurice Lea Memorial Park wondering who Maurice Lea was and what would be inside. He is learning about being healthy, so is very excited when he sees some large green pieces of equipment on the park. He looks at the equipment and finds out that it is for people over 12 but watches a lady using the equipment called the Space Walker for a while.

Turn left across the front of the five-a-side pitch.

Bertie carries on walking and meets a man dressed in very bright clothes pushing a wheelbarrow outside the pavilion. 'Good morning' says Bertie 'Good morning young bear' replies the man. 'What are you doing?' asks Bertie 'I'm one of the park keepers' says the man 'and i'm looking after the park, so that it is tidy and safe for people who come to visit. Would you like me to show you around?' 'Ooh yes please' says Bertie.

3 The park keeper leads Bertie along the path around the pavilion and asks him to guess what is inside the square hedge. Bertie says he doesn't know. 'Step forward then and have a look through that little gap' 'Ooh it's a pond! And I can see some fish!'

#### GET A GROWN-UP TO LIFT YOU UP SO THAT YOU CAN SEE THE POND - Can you see any fish or flowers?





## Bertie and the park keeper go back to the path and walk past the tennis courts.

### **IS THERE ANYBODY PLAYING TENNIS TODAY?**

At the end of the tennis courts there are lots of different paths; take the path that leads towards the large gates.

#### As they are walking along Bertie asks the park keeper why the park is called Maurice Lea. 'Ah, well that's what you are going to find out next. Take a look at these gates.'

(Stand outside the gates looking into the park)



# THE LETTERS M AND L ARE IN THE GATES • CAN YOU SEE THEM?

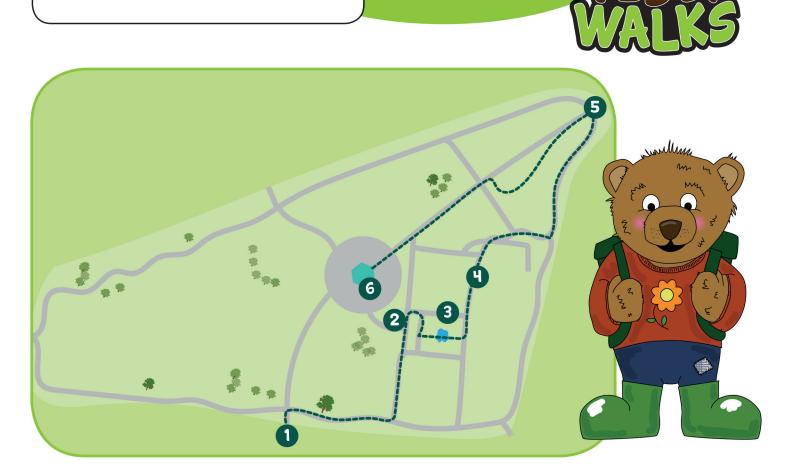
'Maurice Lea was the son of the man who paid for this park. He died in France in the First World War. The land around here was such a mess from the potteries nearby so Herbert Lea gave lots of money for some of it to be made into this lovely park and to remember his son.' 'Wow!' said Bertie 'It's very sad that Maurice died but what a nice place to remember him.'

**5** Bertie and the park keeper wander through the gates and follow the path down to a seating area with flowers and a large stone plinth. He reads this and learns more about Herbert Lea and then Bertie heads down towards the bandstand.

6 As Bertie and the park keeper get to the bandstand the park keeper tells Bertie he has to go back to his pavilion. 'Ooh I wish they still sold tea and strawberries here like they used to' said Bertie 'I'm very hungry now.' 'Well if you have a look from the bandstand you'll see a play

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area and picnic tables. You should sit and have your picnic there before you go home.' 'Brilliant!!' shouts Bertie as he runs up the steps to the bandstand. Bertie sings 'I am the music man' and plays his pretend trombone as he marches around the bandstand.