

Learning starting points at Andreas this term, things may change!

Literacy Skills and Challenges

Year 2 will be:

- * Developing phonic knowledge and spelling rules
- * Reading independently & in groups
- * Developing writing skills
- * Writing for different purposes e.g leaflets, poetry, instructions and story writing.
- * Listening to fictional stories about various mini beasts & sharing non fiction books

Maths Skills and Challenges

Year 2 will be developing their skills in the following maths topics.

Place Value

Read and write numbers and figures in words, compare and order numbers using $<$ $>$ $=$ signs

Partitioning 2 & 3 digit numbers

Count on and back in multiples

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/home-learning?year=year-2-new&term=autumn>

Shape, space and measure

Sort, identify and describe 2D and 3D shapes

Understand $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes

Describes features of shapes such as faces, edges, vertices and lines of symmetry.

Draw 2D and make 3D shapes and compare angles.

Statistics

Make tally charts, tables and block diagrams

Draw and interpret pictograms and block charts.

Discuss Learn Without Limits with your child to help them get smarter.



Topic - Wriggle and Crawl

Science

Observe closely, using simple equipment.

Identify and name a variety of common animals, compare the structure of different animals.

Describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of animals and insects.

PE

- * **Dance**-use simple choreographic devices such as unison, cannon and mirroring. Move in time to music and improve time of actions.
- * **Invasion games**- Begin to use the terms attacking and defending. Begin to choose the best space in a game. Understand importance of rules in a game
- * **MSR**- Team games

Art/Design Technology

- * Construct habitats (forest school)
- * Observational drawings
- * Collage
- * Sculpture

ICT

- * Stop motion life cycle animations
- * Using QR codes
- * Create and deliver presentations

Music

- * Learning songs for the Harvest festival

Suggestions for home learning

This term, we'll head to a wetland or woodland to identify minibeasts in their natural habitat. We'll write a guide book for other children to use on a minibeast hunt, draw sketch maps of our minibeast hunting area and create minibeast stories and poems. Heading out into the local area, we'll explore trees and bushes to see what lives there, investigate how far and how fast a snail can travel and create a minibeast habitat of our own. We'll draw delicate sketches of minibeasts, make models from a variety of materials and use microscopes to observe minibeasts up close. Our ICT skills will help us create a minibeast animation and we'll observe a beehive through live webcam footage.

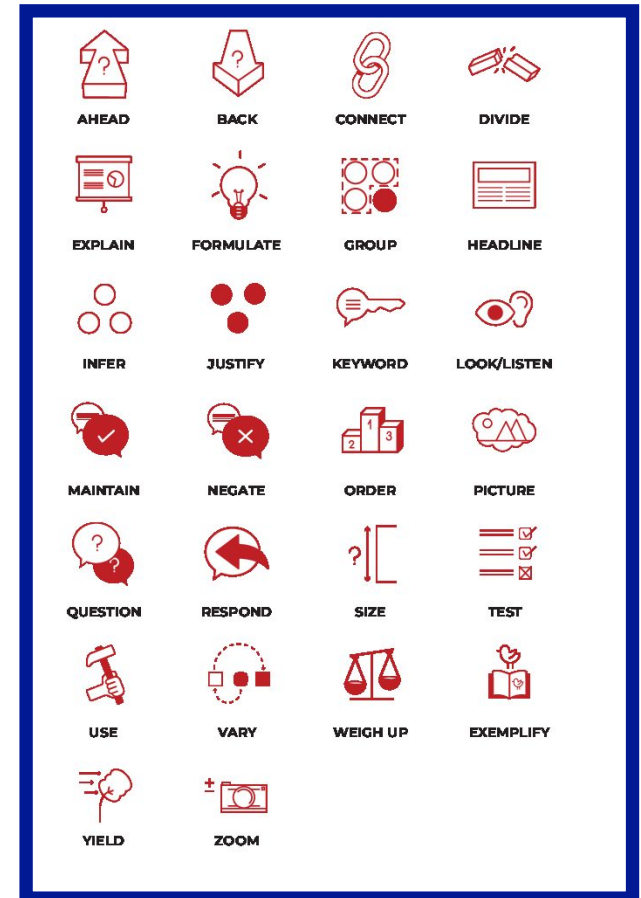
Help your child prepare for their project

Minibeasts are fascinating. Why not have a minibeast hunt around your local area? Look out for different minibeasts, take close-up photos and use an app or spotting book to identify any unknown creatures. Alternatively, visit a local museum to see if they have any insect specimens on display. Huge moths, colourful butterflies and armoured beetles are all amazing to see. You could also invent minibeasts of your own. Draw, paint or make models of new minibeasts, then give them a name and describe their special features.

Please practise reading with your child on a regular basis. Listening to your child read, or reading books to your child regularly has a hugely positive effect on their progress in school.

You can share books from school, books from home or books from the library. Both fiction and non fiction books are absolutely fine, and make sure you chat about what you are reading.

There are also lots of videos for practising phonics on the school website. Just click [Home Learning](#), [Curraghs Class](#) and [Home learning videos with Mrs Phillips](#) to access them.



Practise your Thinking Moves!