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

## **Literacy Skills and Challenges**

#### Year 1 will be:

- \* Practising phonics skills on a daily basis
- \* Reading independently & in groups
- \* Developing writing skills
- \* Writing for different purposes e.g Story writing, recounts, information booklets.
- \* Listening to fictional stories and non-fiction books about woodlands.

# **Maths Skills and Challenges**

Year 1 will be developing their skills in the following maths topics.

## **Place Value**

- Count, sort and represent objects.
- \* Recognise numbers as words.
- \* Counting forwards and backwards.
- \* Less than, greater than and equal to.

## **Addition and Subtraction**

- \* Use part whole models.
- \* Number bonds to 10.

## <u>Shape</u>

- $\,^{\star}\,$  Recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes.
- \* Sort 2D and 3D shapes.

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



## **Topic - The Enchanted Woodlands**

#### Science

- \* Plants and animals Identify, compare, group and sort a variety of wild and garden plants.
- \* Plants and animals Observe objects, materials, living things and changes over time.
- \* Thinking scientifically Use simple equipment to measure and make observations.
- Seasonal changes.
- \* Senses.

## Geography

\* Maps - Draw and read a simple picture map.

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- \* Team Games
- \* Throwing and catching.

# **Design Technology**

\* Building Sculptures.

### History

- \* Manx Glens
- \* Manx fairytales

#### Art

- \* Work with natural materials
- \* Drawing
- \* Painting

# Suggestions for home learning

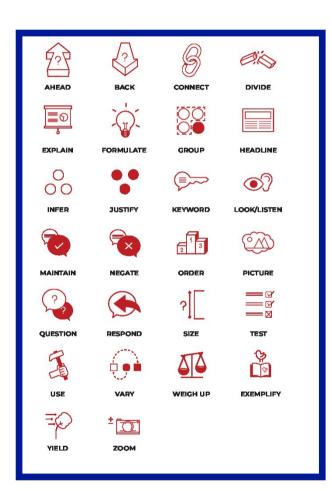
This term, we'll explore the topic - The Enchanted Woodlands.

This term we will visit a woodland/glen, observe the wildlife, collect natural objects and take beautiful pictures of the things we see. Throughout the project, we will find out how to recognise different plants and animal and create detailed, observational drawings of them. We'll use information books to investigate woodland creatures (and maybe even woodland fairies) and use this to make mini-books of our own. The story 'we're going on a bear hunt' and the traditional tale of Hansel and Gretel will inspire us to write our own stories with a woodland theme. Stick by stick and branch by branch we will build miniature dens, create woodland works of art and construct mini-woodlands from twigs, sticks, pine cones and leaves. At last, it'll be time for us to rest by the woodland fire and listen to stories whilst toasting a sweet, gooey marshmallows. Yum, yum.

Help your child prepare for their project

Woodlands are interesting places. Why not take a woodland or a glen walk and see which plants and creatures you can find? Simple spotting books or apps will help you to identify unknown species. Alternatively, visit the local library and borrow information and storybooks about woodland creatures to read together. You could also collect twigs, leaves, seed cases and flowers to make natural art together outside. Remember to take photos before the wind blows your artwork away!

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.



Practise your Thinking Moves!