

Calderwood Communicates:

P6 Termly Learning Letter

Term 3 2022/23



A warm welcome to our pupils & families of Ben Lawers! We work closely with Ben Lomond across the same learning contexts to build our Calderwood Community. The learning experiences we have planned have been carefully selected with the P6 experience in mind. All children will be appropriately challenged and supported in their learning by all champions who work with them. Pupils will be encouraged to lead learning wherever they can across the school with other clans. This could mean helping with writing groups, number talks or planning an activity of their choice for other pupils. Our main focus this term will be Scotland, followed by Europe, with Ben Lawers entering 3 teams into the national Euroquiz. We are so excited to work with you and have many exciting ideas for the year ahead.

This is an overview of all learning experiences offered. These experiences may be differentiated to support and challenge each child

English & Literacy

Listening and Talking

- Pupils will be challenged to learn and read Scottish poetry from a range of Scottish authors, with the chance for one student to go forward to the school competition and represent their clan.
- In our IDL context – Europe; pupils will regularly present their learning through group presentations and further assessing their listening skills through practice quizzes and challenges.
- This term, we will introduce a whole clan reading using texts relating to European countries. Children will be challenged to demonstrate their listening skills through activities such as visualisation of texts and fact finding during and after reading.

Writing

- We will be exploring Poetry in relation to our Scottish topic. We will be focusing on learning different styles of poetry and how poems can have many different forms and features outside of the traditional rhyming patterns. Scottish poems will be used to practice reading Scots, deciphering meaning and understanding how Scottish poems have influenced culture in Scotland today.
- We will also be focusing on procedural writing, looking closely at structure and language features. We will be focusing on procedural writing in the form of recipes which are being created in their STEM learning with European foods. Pupils will also get the opportunity to create a 'Ben's cookbook' with all the recipes they create.

Reading

- To help pupils best understand how to write different texts, they experience them first by reading, analysing and discussing them in groups. This term, we will focus on Scottish poems and procedural texts.
- Pupils are encouraged to read fiction/non-fiction texts during stag starts and across the day purely for enjoyment. We have a range of audiobooks available that all pupils can access during reading times.

One Plus Two

- Ben Lawers will be focusing on French and Spanish foods and culture this term in relation to Europe and their STEM topic of food technology. Pupils will have the opportunity to create traditional foods and partake in traditional games and other cultural experiences.

Numeracy & Maths

Numeracy

- Number talks allows all pupils to build their mental agility by talking through number strategies. This term we will focus on the principles of place value and different strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication & division relating to place value.
- 'Building thinking classrooms' will become part of or numeracy lessons this term. This will focus on critical thinking skills in numeracy and mathematics, relating to engaging problem solving activities.

Maths

- This term we are learning about measurement in the form of area and perimeter of shape. With this, challenge will come in the form of what shapes are being measured and learning how to apply learned formulas to real life contexts such as the school, the playground and other contexts.
- Weight will also be looked at within the STEM context of cooking and baking. With this, pupils able to learn the value of understanding weights as a real life skill.
- Within this context, pupils will be learning to convert between measurements using their knowledge of place value and gain a greater understanding of which measurement are appropriate for different things.

Health and Wellbeing

- This term will be focusing on substance misuse within the Primary 6 curriculum. This will specifically focus on the impact of misusing tobacco and alcohol products.

P.E

- This term, pupils will start their physical education experience with Ceilidh dancing, learning traditional Scottish dances and how to move our bodies in time with the beat.
- Later in this term, Ben Lawers will be developing their skills in Badminton, including; grip, stance, footwork, serve, smash and drop shots.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Scotland

In our IDL context, we are focusing on Scotland. Pupils will have the chance to learn about the country they live in, looking at myths and legends from Scotland, historical events, art and writing. With this experience, pupils will gain a greater understanding of the country they live in.

Europe

Ben Lawers will be partaking in the Euroquiz in March 2023. With this, we will be investigating all countries within the continent of Europe. We will focus on each countries; geography, history, European affairs, culture and general knowledge. Pupils will also have the opportunity to take a deeper look at one country of their choice and share their learning in a school wide 'Europe Day', which will be led by Ben Lawers. This learning will give them a deeper understanding of Europe and European values.

In relation to literacy and writing, pupils will be researching and reading about each country, finding information and then putting it into appropriate formats for revision of facts (posters, notes, powerpoints etc). Pupils will also be writing recipes from Europe as part of their procedural writing, and reading texts as a whole class that focus on European countries.

Pupils will also be creating these recipes within the STEM context of cooking. Pupils will learn numeracy skills relating to measuring and weighing, as well as culinary skills that will support them in day-to-day life.

STEM

In STEM this term we will be focusing on the human body, looking at different systems within it, including; the digestive system, breathing systems and nervous systems. Pupils will develop their understanding of how their body works through independent research and experiments relating to these systems.

Pupils will also be looking at microorganisms that break down things, this will be explored in the classroom and in the STEM lab, through cooking with yeast. We will also explore microorganisms that can cause problems.

Discrete Learning

Expressive Arts – pupils will develop critical thinking through researching and creating art from Europe and develop opinions and criticism of styles of art.

Digital Technology – through regular research, pupils will develop on their digital skills and information finding. They will better their ability to accurately find facts and decipher fact from opinion.

Other information

P.E. Days:

Wednesday and Thursday

Champions Ben Lawers:

Mon: Mrs Ingram

Tues: Mrs Ingram

Wed: AM – Miss Christie & PM - Mrs Ingram

Thurs: Miss Christie

Fri: Mrs Ingram