

Calderwood Communicates: Primary 4 Termly Learning Letter Term 4 2022/23



Welcome to term 4! We had a fantastic term 3 where we explored the life and reign of Mary Queen of Scots and learned more about Scottish inventors! We had a lovely Caledonian celebration and had lots of fun experiencing Scottish foods, music, dance and poems with our families. Our Interdisciplinary learning this term is called 'Cultivating Calderwood' where we will be focusing on planting and growing. We will be learning all about plants, their life and how important they are to our world and will explore the importance of looking after our environment. We will be carrying out experiments, planting our own vegetables and sunflowers and participating in lots of art work!

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

- Health and Wellbeing discussions: focus on respecting the opinion of others, being able to ask relevant questions and answer questions.
- Reading: discussing key information gathered from non-fiction texts and films.
- IDL: group work and presenting information to others.

Writing

- Information report text: exploring the purpose, structure and language features.
- Converting notes taken into own words and clear sentences to support planning and writing an information report.
- Core writing targets; writing in paragraphs, spelling common words and spelling and using a variety of topic/technical words related to the topic of the report.
- Using our reading and research through non-fiction texts to support writing.

Reading

- Developing understanding of non-fiction texts – identifying, understanding the purpose and using features of non-fiction texts to gather information.
- Note-taking: exploring different ways to take notes, choosing the way that is most effective for each individual and using our own words
- Organising information from non-fiction texts using sub-headings.
- Reciprocal reading strategies – Focus on summarising and clarifying

One Plus Two

- French: consolidation of telling the time and exploring vocabulary for clothes.

Numeracy & Maths

Numeracy

- Identifying fractions of a shape, on a number line and an amount.
- comparing and ordering simple fractions on a number line.
- Understanding simple equivalent fractions.
- Using division strategies to support finding fractions of an amount.
- Solve part/part/whole problems related to fractions.

Maths

- Measure: estimating and measuring length, distance, mass, capacity

- Converting measurements
- Measuring through P.E and Athletics – distance and time
- Exploring maths through nature in our IDL learning.

Health and Wellbeing

- Social Wellbeing: Exploring anti-bullying-online and discussing stereotypes.
- Planning for choices & changes: RSHP – Relationships and sexual health and learning about ‘my body.’

P.E

- Participating and developing skills in Cross country and Athletics indoors and outdoors
- Developing resilience through activity in sports.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Cultivating Calderwood (Science, Expressive Arts: Art, Social Studies, Maths)

Our new topic is called ‘Cultivating Calderwood’ which will be focusing on planting and growing.

Key questions to be explored:

Are popcorn kernels seeds and how do they grow?

Will the seeds inside fruit grow into anything?

Can we grow sunflower seeds?

What happens to seeds if they get sunlight and if they don't? Can we do an experiment about that?

Do plants grow like humans do?

How do plants eat?

How does our environment and weather affect growth?

- **Discrete Learning**
- RME- Learning about Islam festivals- Ramadan and Eid.
- Coronation of the king
- Expressive arts – music related to spring and flowers
- Drama in HWB lessons

Other information

Bramble Clan

PE Days:

- Wednesday – Outdoors
- Thursday - Arena

Miss Christie will be in class on Tuesdays from 12:00pm until home time.

Bluebell Clan

PE Days:

- Wednesday – Outdoors
- Thursday - Arena

Miss Ali will be in clan all day on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Wednesday 8:45 am- 10:15 am.
Mrs Robertson will be in clan on Wednesdays from 10:15 am- 3:15 pm.