

Calderwood Communicates

Thistle and Schiehallion

Clan Termly Learning Letter

Term 1 2023/24



Welcome to term one of our new session. We are very excited to be teaching the Primary 6 clans. We have lots of interesting adventures planned for throughout the year including developing an outdoor classroom in the woods.

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 have the opportunity to collaborate across the upper stages to develop their understanding through interactive lessons and activities for the following topics:

- Wellbeing Indicators (SHANARRI)
- Global Goals

Writing

This term the genre we are looking at is descriptive writing, which will look at the features and structure of a description texts.

- Structure - Title, Introduction, Characteristics and Evaluation
- Features - nouns, adjectives, adverbs and adverbial phrases

Reading

Pupils will be developing skills in predicting, clarifying, summarising and questioning using a variety of texts including PM short reads and reading books.

One Plus Two - French

- Greetings
- Alphabet
- Cooking & Social Events

Numeracy & Maths

Numeracy

- Pupils will develop their understanding of the Four operations through daily number talk challenges and activities.
- This term we will be investigating place value including; ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands and millions and rounding numbers.
- This term we will have daily "Number Talks", which are short discussions with the champion and the learners about how to solve a particular number problem. The focus is not on the correct answer, but on **all the possible methods** of finding the answer. Some of the methods we will be focusing on this term are partitioning and friendly numbers.

Maths

- The pupils will be learning about weights and measure and applying these skills across the curriculum to further develop their skills. This will be achieved through practical carousel activities, baking/cooking lessons and art tasks.
- The pupils will be learning about duration of time, 12 and 24-hour notation, and calculating the number of days between events within the month.

Health and Wellbeing

In order to instil a positive mindset, we will be developing our understanding of the five key skills for a balanced learner. These include resilience, creativity, critical thinking, communication and teamwork. These skills also link to the DYW (Developing the Young Workforce) which we are using across all learning.

P.E.

We have our Arena slot is on a Wednesday and we will be focusing on balance, strength, agility and flexibility within gymnastics. Our second slot is outdoors, where we will be fostering an outdoor learning ethos, developing communication techniques, understanding and using boundaries, and recall and respond.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our theme for learning this term, following consultation with the pupils, is under the umbrella theme of 'Past versus Present'. The pupils came up with six subtopics under this theme including buildings, transport, technology, art, civilisations and world conflict. Within their chosen subtopic they will create learning questions to inform their personal research and will complete the project by creating a product to share their learning.

STEM Station

This term we are focusing on developing five key skills (teamwork, communication, creativity, critical thinking or resilience) through baking and cooking. This topic expands learning of the mathematical concepts of weight & measure, ratio and budgeting, in a real-life context. We are also linking this with French for an interdisciplinary experience of foods and markets in France.

Discrete Learning

Expressive Arts – Art & Design

The focus for art this term is how to mix primary colours to create secondary colours in order to create a beautiful design of a butterfly. We will develop vocabulary of line, weight, tone and balance within line drawings. Another focus within this will be developing the vocabulary for constructive feedback to improve our designs.

Other information

Mrs Curtin (Miss Christie) is supporting Primary 6 with STEM this session on the following days:

Thistle – Tuesday PM

Schiehallion – Thursday PM

Miss Qureshi is Schiehallion clan champion on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs Curtin is Schiehallion clan Champion on Thursday and Friday.

Water bottles should be brought in to fill up throughout the day. We do have a very limited supply of plastic cups but this is dwindling, and we would love for you to support us in our sustainability focus this term. If your child has not got a water bottle, please contact the school office and we can support in obtaining this for your child.

Our outdoor learning slot is on Thursdays. As the season changes, we anticipate more Scottish weather! Please ensure your child has sensible shoes, lots of layers and a waterproof jacket. You are welcome to keep these in school as we will continue this outdoor learning session throughout the term even if the weather is less favourable. If your child does not have any of these items, please contact the school office and we can support you in obtaining these items.