

Calderwood Communicates:

Thistle & Schiehallion Clan Termly Learning Letter

Term 3 2023/24



Welcome to Term 3! We have been so proud the renewed calm our learners have returned with, after the Winter Break. Thistle and Schiehallion have been working so hard to show they are ready respectful and safe in all areas of school life. This mature approach to their learning will be hugely beneficial as we explore our whole school topic of "Scotland" through the modern lens of poverty in Scotland. Primary Six have been selected to lead a whole school project to explore the cost of the school day on our Calderwood Community and will be gathering data, running workshops and sharing findings with our Leadership Team. We are also very excited to be taking part in the Euro Quiz this term.

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

We are working on randomly allocated groupings for our listening and talking this term. We have been noting down our group discussions by taking it in turns to scribe on Teams and then using this to further develop whole Clan discussions. We will continue to focus on Listening and Talking throughout our learning this term.

Writing

Our genre this term is Information Reports. We will link our writing to both our Euro Quiz IDL and our Poverty in Scotland Whole School Project. We will be looking out for the features of this genre, exploring how best to plan an information report and creating a final information report on the projects we have learned in and about this term.

Reading

We have independent reading books, group texts and are using the class novel *Mystery of the Golden Stars* to develop our reading skills this term. We are linking this to our Euro Quiz topic this term as the *Mystery of the Golden Stars* is a story linked to the Euro Quiz.

Numeracy & Maths

Numeracy – Four operations

- Focussing on how we link our prior knowledge of the four operations with logical and critical thinking solutions to mathematical problems.
- Different strategies to find the most efficient way of solving equations.
- Expanding knowledge of the value of whole and decimal numbers, fractions and percentages.

Maths – money

- We will be learning about aspects of banking, budgeting, spending, savings and interest this term.
- We will also be collecting and analysing data around money and costs.
- We are linking this with our whole school project on the cost of the school day and poverty in Scotland.

Health and Wellbeing

Digital Literacy

- We are exploring data justice and digital literacy this term to explore who has access to our data and who should own the rights to our digital footprints.

Outdoor Learning

- Developing our understanding of the meta-skills we use when approaching our own learning within various team building tasks and challenges.
- Run Schiehallion – we aim to run and/or walk the distance you would travel to climb Schiehallion, Ben Lawers and Ben Lomond this term. We are doing 1km a day so feel free to take up the challenge at home too!

P.E

- Badminton – The skills and attributes involved in badminton include:
 - Cognitive skills of problem solving, decision making, focus and concentrations
 - Physical competencies of balance, control, co-ordination
 - Fitness of core stability, strength, speed and stamina

-Teamwork e.g. doubles and larger teams

Interdisciplinary Learning

Euroquiz

- We are so excited to take part in this years' Euroquiz. Through this topic we will focus on European countries; geography, history, culture, language and general knowledge. We will also explore the European Union as a whole.

Other information

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Outdoor learning will be taking place every day as we run and walk Schiehallion, Ben Lawers and Ben Lomond. Please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat, layers and suitable footwear every day.

PE is in the Arena on Thursdays. Your child will need a water bottle and appropriate footwear/clothing for free movement and to not get too hot on Thursdays.

EUROQUIZ

We will be taking forward pupils to the Euroquiz on Thursday 21st March 2024. If your child is interested in taking part please can they make Mrs Curtin and Mrs Clarkson aware and if they are keen to take part in the formal event we would be expecting them to explore the Euroquiz suggested revision which can be found on the EuroQuiz Channel on Thistle & Schiehallion Shared Teams. This will be their expected home learning alongside Burns Poems and completing their reading passports this term.