



CLAN CRAFT SKILLS

ABOUT

'Ar Tir' (Our Land) is an educational programme that enables pupils to create connections with the natural world by learning through land and culture. Taking part in activities that are based on Scottish Gaelic culture can make learning active and experiential, and achieve outcomes across the whole curriculum as well as addressing current environmental issues. 'Ar Tir' is about exploring the local environment and discovering our relationship with it (past, present, and future).

Our aims are to:

- Create positive connections with and better understanding of the natural world.
- Contribute to all areas of the Curriculum for Excellence.
- Promote learning through Scottish and Gaelic Culture.

CLAN CRAFT

Have you ever wondered what everyday life was like in Scotland's past? 'Clan Craft' will give you some of the skills that our ancestors used on a daily basis, particularly during the time of the clans. From the pursuit of food and warmth to discovering our surroundings there is something for everyone.

Activities:

Activities will be related to the different roles within the clan system. The Tacksman (protector), Cottar (provider), Chief (land) and Bard (stories/song).

- Shelter - homes of the people
- Rope - everyday tasks
- Fire- practical and superstitious
- Ceilidh - story, song, poetry
- Land - plant/tree and animal identification/tracking
- Gaelic - connection with our surroundings

OUTCOMES

- the pronunciation of some basic Gaelic words and their meanings.
- common native plant and tree identification and their practical uses - dyes, crafts, stories etc.
- about traditional skills (depending on season and location) such as thatching, making natural cordage, fire building/lighting, storytelling, crofting.