

## EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018: LEARNING & TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

Curriculum Area	Languages : Scots
<b>Curriculum Focus</b>	<p>SCOTS LANGUAGE</p> <p>One of the six sports that make up the European Championships is golf. Did you know that golf was first played in Scotland? It was played in Scotland back in the 15<sup>th</sup> century– 150 years before the game became popular in England. The origins and history of golf go back over 500 years, featuring many examples of Scots language.</p> <p>Scots was the language of the state in the 15<sup>th</sup> century – meaning all laws in Scotland, as well as other important documents and decisions – were discussed and written in Scots language.</p> <p>You may have heard of some golf courses called “links” such as the famous St Andrews Links. Links are the oldest style of golf course and were first used in Scotland. The name “links” refers to an area of coastal sand dunes and sometimes to open parkland. Links land is typically characterised by dunes, an undulating surface, and a sandy soil unsuitable for arable farming.</p>
<b>Why don't you....?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Search the words “gowf”, “links”, “tee” and “stimie” in the Dictionary of the Scots language (link below) then as a group discuss and note down when and where you may have heard or used some of the words. Are there other golf terms which people might use in everyday speech ?</li> <li>• Watch the History of Scots animation on Education Scotland’s National Improvement Hub to learn more about Scots in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and the journey it took up to today: <a href="https://education.gov.scot/improvement/learning-resources/History%20of%20Scots">https://education.gov.scot/improvement/learning-resources/History%20of%20Scots</a></li> <li>• Once you have watched this animation, visit the website of the European Championships. Choose some of the text from this website and have a go at writing it in Scots – alternatively, you could produce a poster advertising one of the sports in the European Championships which is written entirely in Scots.</li> </ul>
<b>Web Links</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dictionary of the Scots Language: <a href="http://www.dsl.ac.uk/">http://www.dsl.ac.uk/</a></li> <li>• Scots Language Resources on the National Improvement Hub: <a href="https://education.gov.scot/improvement/Pages/Search.aspx?k=scotslanguage">https://education.gov.scot/improvement/Pages/Search.aspx?k=scotslanguage</a></li> </ul> <p>NB: Education Scotland is not responsible for the content of external websites and citation of a website does not imply endorsement by Education Scotland nor reflect the views of Education Scotland</p>

**Now tell us.....**

Use the hashtag #EdScotEuroChamps to tell us about what you've been doing.  
Let us know:

- Did you try any of these ideas out with pupils?
- If so, what went well?
- What other European Championship-linked activities did you engage in today?