

Welcome to Form 1



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Welcome to Form 1!

Here is a brief introduction to help your child to settle into Form 1.

Lessons

The children do Language and Maths each day and these are carefully tailored to your child's individual needs. We also do Religious Studies and ICT during the term. Other subjects are taught by specialist teachers:

Music:	Mrs Sue Clark (Tuesdays and Wednesdays)
Gym:	Ms Fiona Grant (Wednesdays and Thursdays)
Forest School:	Mrs Tracey Cashman (Mondays)
Scottish Country Dancing:	Mrs Jennifer Trueland (Tuesdays)
Swimming:	Mrs Liz Gilmour (Thursdays)
Art:	Mrs Judith Page (Tuesdays)

Equipment

The children will need the following items. We would be grateful if all items could be clearly named as appropriate.

- A large school bag
- A painting apron
- Gym shoes
- Gym kit in a drawstring gym bag
- A water bottle
- A healthy snack (no sweets or chocolate please)
- A book bag
- Swimming costume
- Waterproofs and wellies

Topic Work

We investigate and learn about various topics each term:

Winter:	Under the Sea
Spring:	Superheroes
Summer:	Fairy Tales

Please encourage your child to bring in anything to show and discuss which may relate to these topics.

Prep

The children are encouraged to read at home on a daily basis. Please use the homework diary to highlight any difficulties or successes!

We will invite parents along to a Phonics Evening in due course. Please do try to come along and join in the fun. We will run through some of the phonics activities that we use in the classroom and discuss ways to help your child at home.

Once a week the children will be given a "Big Talk" Homework and during the 3rd Term the children will enjoy reading our "Fireflies" non-fiction books and preparing a short presentation. Fireflies start to be given out in the 2nd Term and from January onwards the children will receive weekly maths homework sheets.

Healthy Eating

At lunchtimes everyone is asked to try a little of everything in order to learn to eat different meals.

No sweets or chocolate should be brought for snacks. Crisps are best left as a special treat.

Fridays are '**Fruity Fridays**' at Craigclowan and children are encouraged to bring fruit for their morning snack.

We do love birthday cakes to celebrate with the rest of the class!

Please remember that Craigclowan is a nut-free school.

Assemblies

We take part in assemblies with the other classes in the School. These happen on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Each term the children put on an assembly performance, which you will be very welcome to attend. We also plan a Christmas spectacular each year.

Sport

The games kit consists of navy tracksuit bottoms, navy sweatshirt and sky blue polo shirt (all are branded with the school logo) plus gym shoes. We encourage the children to take their gym kit home on a Friday for washing! We encourage the boys to learn to tie their own tie as soon as possible to assist with changing after gym. Again we ask for all items to be clearly named.

Music

Class music is with Mrs Clark. The children are very welcome to have individual music lessons. Our Director of Music is Mr Astmar Olafsson and he should be contacted to arrange this (staffaolafsson@craigclowan-school.co.uk).

Extra Curricular Activities

The list of extra curricular activities is issued to parents near the start of each term. Please review these with your children and sign them up for whichever activities they are interested in. Each activity will list the member of staff to contact.

How to Contact Us

If you have any questions, problems or concerns we will be available before or after school most days. Please feel free to contact us via email but we cannot guarantee to respond before the end of the day as we are usually busy!

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