

Welcome to Form 2



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Here is a brief introduction to help your child to settle into Form 2.

Lessons

The children do Language and Maths each day and these are carefully tailored to your child's individual needs. Our two classes work very closely together and two or three times a week we split the children into groups for Maths according to their needs and the demands of the current topic or activities. Afternoon teaching encompasses the other areas of the curriculum and often has an art and craft focus, affording your child the opportunity to develop important fine motor skills and creative individual and collaborative learning techniques.

Other subjects are taught by specialist teachers:

Ocarina and Music – Tuesdays & Wednesdays:	Mrs Sue Clark
Gym – Tuesdays & Fridays:	Mrs Fiona Grant
Swimming – Thursdays:	Mrs Liz Gilmour
Art – Thursdays:	Mrs Judith Page
Scottish Country Dancing – Tuesdays:	Mrs Jennifer Trueland
Forest School – Fridays:	Mrs Tracey Cashman

Collection

We currently operate a flexible pick up time. Children can be collected from the classroom from 1530 every day. Children can remain in the classroom until 1600 and any children who have not been collected by 1600 will be taken to Late Prep.

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 (it needs to hold an A4 reading folder)
- A painting apron
- Gym shoes
- A water bottle
- A healthy snack (no sweets or chocolate please)
- A pencil case containing a variety of pencils, rubber, sharpener and small ruler

- Swimming costume
- Waterproofs and wellies

Topic Work

Much of our Language work is derived from our termly topics. You will find that your child will become completely immersed in the termly topic and we encourage all children to bring in anything related to our learning.

Winter: Australia, Guy Fawkes, Christmas
 Spring: Cold – The North and South Poles, Easter
 Summer: Scotland

Prep

All prep which is set will be written in the daily prep diary along with any other important reminders. Please supervise the homework and ensure that it is done to the best of your child's ability. All prep should only take 20 minutes.

Monday – Thursday Reading
 Spelling – three words per day, each to be written in a sentence to show understanding and practise handwriting.
 Friday: Reading and a Maths activity sheet.

The children will be tested each week on the spellings series and the Maths they have been working on. It is hugely important that you support their learning by spending a little time each week checking that they are consolidating their spellings. They will also get a general test about their topic or simply general knowledge.

Healthy Eating

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

Children are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit every day. No sweets or chocolate should be brought for snacks. Crisps are best left as a special treat. We do love birthday cakes to celebrate with the rest of the class! If going to Late Prep or taking part in extra-curricular activities, please remember to bring an extra snack to keep energy levels up! **Please remember that Craigclowan is a nut-free school.**

Assemblies

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

Each term the children will put on an assembly performance, details of which will be sent out in order for you to attend and make a note in your diaries. We also plan a Christmas spectacular.

Music

Please could we ask you to ensure that the children have their ocarinas and music books each week. 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 with the children.

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