

Welcome to Form 3



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Welcome to Form 3!

Here is a brief introduction to help your child to settle into Form 3.

Lessons

The children do Language and Maths each day and these are carefully tailored to your child's individual needs. We also do Environmental Studies, Science, Art and Design, Religious Studies and ICT.

Other subjects are taught by specialist teachers:

French:	Mrs Michaela Prince
Ocarina and Music:	Mrs Sue Clark
Gym:	Mrs Fiona Grant
Art:	Mrs Judith Page
Forest School:	Mrs Elizabeth Denyer
Swimming:	Mr Mark Dibnah & Mrs Elizabeth Denyer
Games:	Mr Adam Pattinson, Mr Alex Reynolds, Mrs Fiona Grant, Mrs Helen McKelvey, Mrs Flo Earl & Mrs Gillian Whitelaw

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 pencils, rubber, sharpener and small ruler
- Waterproofs and wellies
- Swimming costume

Topic Work

We investigate and learn about various topics each term:

Winter: Victorians / The Elements / Changing Materials

Spring: Japan / Forces

Summer: Ancient Egypt / Habitats / Teeth and Digestion

Please encourage your child to bring in anything related to these topics to show the class.

Prep

All prep which is set will be written in the daily prep diary. Please check each day that this is being done and to the best of your child's ability. All prep should only take 30 minutes.

- Monday: Reading plus Big Talk
Tuesday: Reading. Write out spellings doing Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check. Write three sentences using the words
Wednesday: Reading. Write out spellings doing Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check. Write three sentences using the words
Thursday: Reading plus a maths based activity
Friday: Reading plus a research based activity based on the topics we are studying

The children will be tested each week on the spellings and the maths they have been working on. It would really improve their performance if you could check that they know all twelve spellings for the week and that they know the times table they have been working on.

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 will put on an assembly performance, which you will be very welcome to attend. We also plan a Christmas spectacular.

Sport

Gym is timetabled on Tuesdays for Form 3DS and Thursdays for Form 3M. Form 3 games lessons are on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Swimming will be on a Wednesday but will alternate every half term with Form 2. Music is on Mondays and Thursdays for Form 3DFS and on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Form 3M. Ocarina lessons on Thursdays and ocarinas will be left in school.

Due to changeable weather, full games kit should be brought in to school on each occasion and we encourage it to be taken home for washing after each lesson. Don't forget mouthguards and shinpads.

Boys do rugby in the Winter, hockey in the Spring and athletics in the Summer terms.

Girls do hockey in the Winter, netball in the Spring and athletics with the boys in the Summer terms.

As with all school uniform, every item of games kit should be clearly named.

Forest School

Form 3 have Forest School on Wednesday afternoons, 3DS for the first half of each term and 3M for the second half of each term. Children need games kit, waterproof jacket, waterproof trousers and wellington boots in school for this, along with hat and gloves in colder weather.

Music

Class music is with Mrs Clark on Tuesdays and ocarina is on Wednesdays. 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.

Mr Mark Dibnah: staffmdibnah@craigclowan-school.co.uk
Mrs Elizabeth Denyer: staffedenyer@craigclowan-school.co.uk
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