

Welcome to Form 5



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Welcome to Form 5!

Here is a brief introduction to help your child to settle into Form 5.

Lessons

The children do Language and Maths each day and these are carefully tailored to your child's individual needs. Some subjects are taught by specialist teachers:

Maths (two lessons each week with Maths subject specialist)

Classics

Games

Gym

French

Art

ICT

PSE

Music

Further details will be given to your child on the first day of term.

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 rucksack style works well
- A well-stocked pencil case including three pencils, a rubber, small ruler, sharpener, pritt stick, colouring pencils and felt pens
- An art shirt or apron
- A plastic homework folder (A4). The strong plastic ones with several dividers will help to keep your subjects organised
- A blue pen and a red pen for French. A small A4 folder, big enough for sheets of paper and two jotters
- Games kit: boys ready for rugby and girls ready for hockey. **Don't forget the mouth guards and shin pads!**
- A named water bottle and a healthy snack. An extra snack on Thursdays before Late Games will help to keep the batteries charged
- Wear Summer uniform and bring either a blazer or red jacket

Topic Work

We investigate and learn about various topics each term:

Winter: Celts and Romans
 Classification of Living Things

Spring: Space
 Light and Sound

Summer: Perth in Our World
 Materials

Prep

All prep which is set will be written in the daily prep diary and should take approximately 30 minutes. Reading continues to be a very high priority in Form 5 and reading aloud to an adult is expected each evening.

Monday: Reading and Spelling
Tuesday: Reading, Spelling revision and Maths
Wednesday: Reading, Spelling revision and Language
Thursday: Reading and Maths
Friday: Reading

French prep is also set each week for the following week. There will also be occasional weekend prep.

Healthy Eating

At lunchtimes everyone is asked to try a little of everything in order to learn to politely eat different meals when invited to a party or sleepover etc.

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, Trips and Performances

We take part in assemblies on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

We will also be teaming up with Form 4 to produce our Christmas Show.

We intend to have a number of school trips throughout the year which link to our topics. We may also have some guest speakers too.

Sport

Form 5 have Games on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We also have Gym on a Friday. Late Games, finishing at 1700, is also on a Thursday afternoon until the October half term when it gets dark early. Late Games resumes in the Summer Term.

Music

Class music is with Mr Olafsson on Thursdays and Fridays. 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. Please remind the children to plan their week to ensure that they have enough time and energy to do their very best and complete their homework to a standard of which they will be proud.

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!

Mrs Flo Earl: stafffearl@craigclowan-school.co.uk

Mrs Hilary Whitaker: staffhwhitaker@craigclowan-school.co.uk

Suggested Authors

Reading should be a pleasurable experience for children! The authors listed below have written novels which can be enjoyed by children in Forms 4 and 5. Many of these books are available in the school library and from the classroom book shelves.

ANDRAE Giles
BAWDEN Nina
BLACKMAN Malorie
BLADE Adam
BRANFORD Henrietta
CASSIDY Cathy
COLE Steve
COLFER Eoin
COOPER Susan
COPE Andrew
COWELL Cressida
CROSS Gillian
DAHL Roald
DOHERTY Berlie

FINE Anne
GATES Susan
HIGSON Charlie
HOFFMAN Mary
HOROWITZ Anthony
IBBOTSON Eva
KING SMITH Dick
LANDY Derek
LAWRENCE Michael
LEWIS Gill
MAGORIAN Michelle
McCAUGHREAN Geraldine
McDONALD Megan
McKAY Hilary

MORPURGO Michael
NICHOLSON William
NIMMO Jenny
NIX Garth
NORTON Mary
NORRISS Andrew
OGILVY Ian
PEARCE Philippa
PLATT Richard
PRINCE Alison
PRATCHETT Terry
PULLMAN Philip
REEVE Philip
SIMON Francesca
WALLIAMS David