



PGCE Primary Teaching and Learning Pathway 2022-23

Dear Trainee,

Welcome to the Primary Teaching and Learning Pathway. My name is Anita Wood. I'm the Teaching and Learning Pathway Lead and I very much look forward to meeting you when you begin your primary PGCE in September. During the first week of the taught course, you will be given access to the module study guide, and the course reading lists, but in the meantime, here are some suggested readings and activities to help you begin your journey to becoming a teacher.

Recommended books and websites

There is no need to read all of these; the purpose of recommending them is to encourage you to begin to explore the CPRT (Cambridge Primary Review Trust) resources which will form the backbone of the pathway, and to begin to reflect on your personal philosophy and ethos of teaching.

- **The National Curriculum:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum>
- **Alexander, R.J.(ed) (2010) *Children, their world, their education: Final report and recommendations of the Cambridge Primary Review*. London: Routledge** This book is a core text for the module, but is expensive to buy; some students look for a second hand copy but copies are also available in the library, and much of the material is available online on the CPRT website: <https://cprtrust.org.uk/>
- **Barnes, J. (2018) *Applying Cross-Curricular Approaches Creatively* London: Routledge** This book provides many opportunities for you to reflect on how your own educational experiences might shape your approach to curriculum design.
- **Grigg, R. and Lewis, H. (2016) *A to Z of Learning Outside the Classroom* London: Bloomsbury** Learning outside the classroom will be a theme throughout this pathway, both for you and for your pupils; this book provides a practical and accessible guide to this area of education.
- **Kidd, D. (2020) *A Curriculum of Hope: As Rich in Humanity as in Knowledge: Independent Thinking Press*.** This is an inspirational book, exploring how good curriculum design can empower schools to build bridges between their pupils' learning and the world around them.
- **Wyse, D. & Rogers, S. (eds) (2016) *A Guide to Early Years and Primary Teaching*. London: Sage.** This accessible book offers a broad overview to inform 21st century primary teaching.
- **The Chartered College of Teaching**

Membership of the Chartered College of Teaching is free to PGCE trainees and is highly recommended, as it will give you access to a wealth of useful resources including the monthly journal 'Impact', which is full of research and evidence informed critical explorations of practice and pedagogy. Visit this website to join: <https://members.chartered.college/join>.

Additional Costs

During the PGCE, everything you need will be provided, but I just want to let you know that during the course there may be some optional activities that will incur a cost. If you do not wish to take part in these optional activities, you will not be at a disadvantage.

Pre-course task

This task is to help you become familiar with one of the priorities of the Cambridge Primary Review Trust before we meet in September. These are the CRPT priorities:

Equity – Voice – Aims – Curriculum – Pedagogy – Assessment – Community - Sustainability

Choose one of these eight priorities, and explore the relevant section on the CPRT website <https://cprtrust.org.uk/>. Make notes about your previous experiences (from any experience working with children, and also from your own experience in education) and how they relate to your chosen priority. Create a poster (you can be as creative as you like, it can be on paper or card, or electronic) to demonstrate your understanding of this theme so far, and what questions you might like to investigate further. This isn't an assessed task, but will provide a starting point for our first session together in September.

I will be keeping in touch with you between now and September, but if you have any questions please get in touch via e-mail: a.c.wood@exeter.ac.uk.

Take care and I look forward to meeting you all in September!

Best wishes,

Anita Wood - Primary Teaching and Learning Pathway Lead

