Primary PGCE Pre-Course Reading List

Core Texts

You will find the following books useful during your PGCE year and might want to begin reading them before the course begins.


Cox, S (2011) *New Perspectives in Primary Education: Meaning and Purpose in Learning and Teaching*; Open University Press.


Turner, J., Keogh, B., Naylor, S. and Lawrence, L. (2011) *It's not fair – or is it?* Sandbach: Millgate House Publishers. (This will be a core text for planning and writing your science assignment)


Full reading lists for the various components of the course will be provided in the course documentation on your arrival in September.

**Preliminary Reading**

The following texts will develop your understanding of children, learning and teaching.


You may well find that you will refer to these books in your assignments. It is important when taking notes from them that you put all extracts – rather than your commentaries – in quotation marks and that you note the appropriate page numbers. This will minimise the risk of unintentional plagiarism at a later date.

The new *National Curriculum for 2014* can be found at:


We also encourage you to read as many recent story and information books written for children as possible. See the ‘Children’s Books Pre-course task for English’ (PY4 PCM Children’s Books).