



Nansloe Academy & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs L Swiggs

8th September 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic summer break, and I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 5! Mrs Toy and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children—they've returned with enthusiasm, a great attitude, and are raring to go. I will be teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, while Mrs Toy will teach on Wednesdays.

Topic

Our topic this term is *Earth and Beyond*. In science, the children will learn that Earth is part of the solar system, with the Sun at its centre. They'll learn the names of the planets (in order of their distance from the Sun) and describe the movement of Earth and other planets in relation to the Sun. They'll explore why we experience day and night and relate this to the concept of time. The children will also gain an understanding of the phases of the Moon and describe its movement in relation to Earth.

Back down to Earth, our geography curriculum will focus on what lies beneath the surface and natural phenomena such as earthquakes and volcanoes. The children will also consider the human impact of these natural disasters.

Reading

The children will have daily reading comprehension lessons to develop their skills. We'll delve into topic-related texts, exploring exciting vocabulary and developing inference, summarisation, and retrieval skills.

We're continuing to use the Accelerated Reader programme in Key Stage 2. Your child should have brought home their new reading record and a library book matched to their level based on AR comprehension tests. As before, once they finish a book, they'll complete a short quiz in class before choosing another. The more they read and quiz, the more progress they'll make through the AR levels.

Please do encourage your child to read at home for pleasure. Daily reading—even for fluent readers—makes a significant difference to their attainment across the curriculum.

Literacy

We're starting the term with a focus on grammar and punctuation—essential foundations for effective writing. The children will then write a range of fictional and

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non-fictional pieces linked to our topic, starting with a non-chronological report on the planets of the solar system.

Later in the term, we'll explore how Cornwall used its rich natural resources to build the mining industry. The children will write a report on the tragic Pendeen mining disaster and finish the term with a Cornish narrative: *Cormoran and the Giant*.

Maths

Maths lessons will begin with place value in numbers up to 1,000,000. We'll then move on to addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division—building fluency and understanding before tackling fractions in the run-up to Christmas.

Times tables remain a priority, as they underpin much of our maths learning. Please encourage your child to continue using TT Rockstars at home—fluent recall of these facts is key to success.

PE

PE lessons will take place on **Mondays**. As last year, please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on Mondays. The correct Nansloe kit includes a white t-shirt, black shorts or black jogging bottoms. Please also ensure they bring a coat, as we'll be outside if the weather is dry.

For further information about our Year 5 curriculum, please refer to our website [Nansloe Academy - Welcome to Year 5 - Kennack](#)

Mrs Toy and I are very excited about the term ahead and look forward to sharing lots of exciting learning and experiences with the children. Our first parent meetings are scheduled for October, and we look forward to seeing you then. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to us—we're always happy to talk.

Many thanks for your ongoing support with your child's learning. Here's to the start of another fantastic year!

Kind regards,
Mrs Sarah Cooper and Mrs Jade Toy

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