



Nansloe Academy & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs L Swiggs

9th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back everyone; I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas. After a brilliant start to the year last term, I am really looking forward to getting started this term and continuing with the fabulous work. Just like last term, I will be teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and Mrs Toy will teach on Wednesdays.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Invasion and Settlement' and 'Raiders and Traders.' This history-based topic will focus on the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings and will explore the reasons why they invaded Britain and how they shaped the country after the fall of the Roman Empire. The children will explore the changes in daily life and the relationship between the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings. We will also be exploring the modern perception of the Vikings and using evidence to find out if they really did deserve their fearsome reputation.

In geography, we will be following on from last term's unit on mountains, but this time exploring what happens beneath the surface of the Earth. The children will learn all about what happens when a volcano erupts and how earthquakes affect the surrounding human and physical environment.

In science, we will be continuing with our unit on properties and changes in materials and identifying reversible and irreversible changes before moving on to investigating forces and their impact. There will be lots of opportunities for planning hands-on, practical investigations where children will develop their scientific enquiry skills.

Reading

The children will continue with daily reading comprehension lessons to develop their comprehension skills. We will delve deeper into topic related texts, exploring new and exciting vocabulary as well as developing their skills of inference, summarisation and retrieval of information.

We are continuing to use the Accelerated Reader programme as part of our reading provision in Key Stage 2. As was the case last term, when your child finishes their book, they will complete a short comprehension quiz in class before they choose another book of that level.

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Spelling

This year, through our work with Grammarsaurus and in line with the revised Writing Framework 2025, children will be learning how words are built — not just memorised. Across the school, we will be focusing on etymology and morphology in spelling, which means understanding where words come from and how words are made up of smaller parts called morphemes. Please see the attached letter for further information on spelling.

Writing

As well as daily spelling and handwriting, the children will be writing narratives with a focus on setting description and building on language and vocabulary development to create vivid descriptions. Other focuses will be on speech and dialogue as well as a range of non-fiction pieces linked to our topic. Grammar will continue to be a focus and the children will build on their knowledge of sentence building to create accurately punctuated sentences within their writing.

Maths

Maths lessons this term will start with fractions, where we will be converting fractions to mixed numbers, comparing fractions and adding fractions with different denominators. We will then move on to multiplication and division, further fractions, decimals and percentages, perimeter and area and finally statistics. We will also continue to work on times tables as these underpin so much of the learning we do in maths. Please do encourage your children to continue to play TT Rockstars at home as fluent recall of these key facts is imperative to mathematical success.

PE

PE lessons this year will take place on Mondays. As you did last term, please send your child in to school wearing their PE kit on Mondays. Please ensure they wear the correct Nansloe kit - white t-shirt, black shorts or black jogging bottoms - and that they have a coat with them on these days as some days we will be outside weather depending.

Year 5 Residential to Carnyorth

We are very excited about our upcoming residential to Carnyorth on 29th and 30th January. Please refer to the kit list and letter sent out last term and if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see me. It will be a brilliant experience for the children and they will be able to apply their knowledge of Cornish mining and heritage during their time at Geevor.

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

If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to come and speak to myself or Mrs Toy - we are always happy to talk.

As always, many thanks for your ongoing support with your children's learning. Here's to a great Spring term!

Kind regards,

Sarah Cooper and Jade Toy

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