



Nansloe Academy & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs L Swiggs

9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school with such energy, and we are so pleased to see them settling back into Kynance Class so confidently.

This term, we are moving into our new history topic, Ancient Egypt. The children will be learning about life along the River Nile, the importance of pharaohs, the building of pyramids and the many achievements of this fascinating civilisation. We know the class will enjoy exploring the Egyptians' beliefs, traditions and discoveries.

In literacy, the children will begin by learning how to write a detailed setting description inspired by Ancient Egypt. They will use rich vocabulary and sensory details to bring this historical setting to life in their writing. After completing this, we will move on to writing a non-chronological report, where the children will learn how to organise information clearly and use features such as headings and subheadings. Reading also remains a key priority. Reading for pleasure is one of the greatest indicators of future success, and we really appreciate all you do to encourage your child to read every day. Even short, shared reading moments can bring huge benefits.

This year, in line with the revised Writing Framework 2025 and our work with Grammarsaurus, we are focusing on spelling through understanding how words are built rather than simply memorising them. Children will explore etymology (where words come from) and morphology (how words are made up of smaller parts called morphemes). Please see the attached letter from Mrs Cooper for more details about this approach.

In maths, we will continue to build confidence with multiplication, drawing on the children's developing times table knowledge and applying it in different contexts.

Thank you so much for your continued support with times tables through TTRockstars. We are seeing amazing results from the children's practice, and it is making a real difference to their confidence and recall. I kindly ask that you continue to support your child with daily practice, even if it's just for a few minutes each day, as this really helps to strengthen both their knowledge and confidence.

In science, we will continue to learn about the digestive system, this time focusing closely on teeth and their functions. The children will look at different types of teeth,

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their jobs and how they work together to help us eat and speak. We will also consider how to care for our teeth and keep them healthy.

In PE, the children will begin a dance unit during the first part of the term. After half term, we will move on to swimming, where the children will have the opportunity to develop their water confidence and technique. Our regular PE day will continue to be on Friday, so please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit on this day.

Each day, your child will need to bring with them –

- their water bottle
- their reading book and reading record
- a coat (as the weather is still very changeable)
- a healthy snack

Please ensure these items come to school every day so your child is prepared for all lessons and outdoor activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can either talk to me on the school gate at the end of the day or you can email or phone the school office and I will get back to you.

Kind regards,
Marta Wilkinson

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