



# Nansloe Academy & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs L Swiggs

Friday 9th September 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the holidays, and Happy New Year to you! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and were able to enjoy some wonderful days off with your family. It was lovely to see the children again after the break and to hear all about their Christmas holiday.

## PE

Year 2's PE day will be changing to **Thursday** this term. Please can your child come to school each Thursday wearing their PE kit (a plain white T-shirt, black shorts or joggers and trainers) along with their school jumper. No alternative hoodies or sweatshirts please. Our PE unit for this half term will be **dance** and then we will be moving onto **invasion games** in the second half term.

## Reading

Thank you for your support with reading regularly at home with your child. It has been wonderful to see the progress that the children have been making in their word reading, fluency and comprehension since September.

RWI reading books will continue to be changed every three days. Please do encourage your child to read their reading book multiple times between changes as this really does help to develop their fluency and understanding of the book.

If your child is in the comprehension group, please continue to encourage them to ask to change their book when they have finished it. They have been doing really well with the AR quizzes they have been taking.

We will aim to change library books fortnightly this term on a Thursday with the first library visit being next Thursday (15<sup>th</sup> January). Please can children bring their library books to school with them ready to be changed. We will put up a list of library dates on the classroom window so you know which dates it will be.

## Curriculum

In literacy this term, we will be starting with a **story unit** based on the book 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. It is a lovely story about a boy who flies to the moon and meets a Martian there. They are both lost and have to work together to find their way back to their home planets. The children will be learning to retell the story using actions and expression. They will then use this story to help them to write their own stories. The focus of the unit will be on character description. We will be sending home a copy of the story and story map so the children can practise this with you at home. Knowing

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the story well will really help them when it comes to writing their own stories. Please look out for this in their bookbags.

We will also be learning about some non-fiction text types this term, including **instructions** and **persuasive writing**.

Our literacy lesson each day always starts with the explicit teaching of spelling rules and a short spelling activity. 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 Mrs Cooper's letter for further information on spelling.

In maths, the children are currently working hard at learning tricky methods for **addition and subtraction**. They will also be learning about **money, multiplication and division** and other maths topics this term.

In history, we will be learning about the **moon landings**. The children will learn about the significance of man walking on the moon and they will use historical sources of evidence to answer questions about this important event.

In science, we will be finishing off our learning about **materials** before moving onto learning about **living things and their habitats**. The will identify different animals and plants that live in a habitat and construct food chains which show how plants and animals depend on each other for energy and survival.

In geography, we will be learning about **hot and cold places**. Our DT project later this term is to design and make a **fruit salad**.

Further information about our Year 2 curriculum can be found on the class page of our school website.

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We are looking forward to meeting with you all again later towards the end of this term for our second parent consultation meetings of the year. These will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. However, in the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to catch us at the classroom door or you can leave a message with the office and we will get back to you.

Kind regards,

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