



Nansloe Academy & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs L Swiggs

9th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. The children have settled back into school life brilliantly and are already working hard. We're excited for the learning ahead this term and wanted to share some key information with you.

Topic

Our topic for the first half of the Spring Term is 'Brilliant Bodies'. We'll be learning all about our amazing bodies—how they work and how to keep them healthy. After half term, our focus will shift to 'Fossil Hunters', where we'll explore the life of Mary Anning and what makes her so special. You can find more details about what your child will be learning on the curriculum page of our website.

Reading

The children are making fantastic progress in Read Write Inc sessions, and their reading and writing skills are developing beautifully. Please continue reading at home - your time and support make a huge difference to your child's progress. Don't forget to sign the reading record when your child reads at home, they do love getting their reading bands in assembly!

Literacy

We have now finished our 'Grammasaurus' unit and will be applying the skills we've learned to our own writing, following a structured sequence. This begins with immersing the children in a high-quality model text, exploring its features, vocabulary, and structure. We then move through stages where children imitate the text to develop confidence before innovating and creating their own versions. Copies of the new text and story map will be sent home shortly. Please read through the story with your child and help them learn it by heart. This oral rehearsal is an important part of the process—it helps children internalise language patterns and build fluency. In class, we will also use drama, role-play, and shared writing to deepen understanding and encourage creativity. By the end of the sequence, children will plan and write their own piece, applying the grammar, punctuation, and descriptive techniques they have practised.

Mathematics

In Maths, our focus this half term is on place value and addition and subtraction within 20. After half term, we'll extend this to numbers within 50. As numbers get larger, extra practice at home - writing and recognising numbers, counting forwards

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and backwards - will be very helpful. For more information and resources, please visit <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning>.

P.E.

PE lessons will take place on **Tuesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on this day, including black shorts, a white top, school jumper/cardigan. As the weather can be unpredictable, please make sure they are dressed appropriately.

Parents' evenings will take place on **24th and 25th March**. It will be wonderful to see you then to discuss your child's progress.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to me after school or email hello@nansloe.org.uk and your message will be forwarded to me.

Here's to a fantastic Spring Term in Year 1!

Kind regards,

Hannah Ashdown

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