



Nansloe Academy & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs L Swiggs

9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the Christmas holidays. They have enjoyed sharing their news with their friends and are settling back into school routines.

For the first half of the Spring term, our theme will be 'Winter'. We will be observing changes in the world around us, for example, the weather, trees and plants. We will discuss the clothing that we wear in winter and why.

We will also investigate ice. During the second half of the term, our theme will be 'Growth'. We will plant seeds, care for them and observe them as they grow. We will find out about minibeasts and life cycles. We will also discuss how we have changed since we were babies.

Phonics/Reading

Phonics will continue to be taught daily following the Read, Write, Inc scheme. The children are making good progress in learning sounds and using them to blend to read and segment to spell. School reading books will be changed every three days in line with Read, Write, Inc lessons. Please record in the reading record book and sign when your child has read at home so that we can count these towards gaining their reading bands. Please bear in mind that we can only count a maximum of one read per day. This term, the children will be learning 'tricky monster words'. These are words that cannot be decoded using phonics and need to be recognised on sight. They appear as red words in the Read, Write, Inc scheme. We will be sending these words home on Fridays so that the children can practise reading and recognising them.

Items to bring to school

Please can the children bring a coat, water bottle and their book bag to school each day. Please name all items and all clothing clearly. Please could your child have a drawstring type bag with some spare underwear, socks etc. These can remain in school on their coat peg, in case they are needed.

Please can children not bring in toys from home as they can easily get lost or broken. Also, please can we ask that the children do not bring rucksack type bags to school as we have nowhere to store them and they become a trip hazard.

P.E.

This term we will be doing P.E. on Fridays. Please could the children wear their P.E. kit (black shorts/joggers and a white t-shirt) to school each Friday.

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Tapestry

We will continue to share your child's learning with you via Tapestry. Please upload photos of significant events and achievements for your child, so that we can share in their success. The children enjoy sharing these with the class and it is a great way to improve the children's confidence and self-esteem.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask and we will try to answer any queries you may have.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Pollard and Mrs Richards.

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