



Nansloe Academy & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs L Swiggs

7th September 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic summer break and enjoyed the amazing weather! It was certainly a summer to remember.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 5. It is really lovely to have the opportunity to teach this class once again and I can't believe they are now in upper key stage two! Where have the years gone!

I will be teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and Mrs Toy will teach on Wednesdays. Mrs Toy and I have ensured we each have a clear and structured teaching sequence in reading, literacy and maths each day, so the children have a consistent routine that they are all familiar with. Mrs Toy will teach RE, and music or art on Wednesday afternoons.

Topic

Our topic this first half term is 'Earth and Beyond'. In science, the children will learn that the Earth is part of the solar system and that the Sun is at its centre. They will learn the names of the planets (based on their distance from the Sun) and be able to describe the movement of Earth (and other planets) in relation to the Sun. They will discover why there is day and night on Earth and relate this to the concept of time. The children will also gain an understanding of the phases of the Moon and be able to describe the Moon's movement in relation to the Earth. Back down to Earth, as part of our geography curriculum, we will be learning about mountains and how they are formed. We will learn all about the UK's highest mountains as well as finding out all about the Himalayas and ending the unit with a virtual fieldwork lesson.

Reading

The children will have 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. Your child should have brought home their new reading record and a library book which is pitched appropriately for them. The more they read, the greater progress they will make moving through the AR levels. Please do encourage your children to read at home as often as possible. It is so important that children continue to read on a daily basis, even if they are already a

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fluent reader. By far, it makes the biggest difference to their attainment across the whole curriculum.

Literacy

This term, the children will begin with a focus on grammar and punctuation – a hugely important place to begin as it provides the children with the foundation they will need to write effectively throughout the year. They will then move on to write a range of fictional and non-fictional pieces based on their topic, starting with a report on the planets of the Solar System. Other writing units will link with our 'Earth and Beyond' topic and will focus on how Cornwall used the Earth's rich and natural resources to build the mining industry. The children will learn about the life of a Bal Maiden and will read real-life accounts of a local girl who worked on the dressing floors of Geevor Tin Mine.

Maths

Maths lessons this term will start with place value in numbers up to 1,000,000. We will then move on to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, focusing on building understanding and fluency with key strategies before tackling fractions in the run-up to Christmas. 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 year, 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 their Nansloe school jumper or cardigan. Please also ensure that they have a coat with them on these days. If it is dry, we will be outside for PE.

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

On **Friday 18th September at 3.30pm**, myself and Mrs Toy will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting in the Year 5 classroom. This is an opportunity for you to meet us, hear about the year ahead and ask any questions you may have. We hope to see many of you there.

In the meantime, 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.

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I am very excited about the term ahead and Mrs Toy and I are looking forward to sharing lots of exciting new learning and experiences with the children. Many thanks for your ongoing support with your children's learning. Here's to the start of another fantastic year!

Kind regards,

Sarah Cooper and Jade Toy

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