

Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

This week in Phonics, our sounds have been 'ay' as in play, 'a_e' as in shake, 'ea' as in each and 'e' as in he. Our tricky words for the week have been: eye, sure, pure, said and were. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read. In preparation for the Phonics check in June, we have also begun reading pseudo (nonsense) words with the children. In class, we are calling these 'alien' words as each word has a picture of an alien next to it. When reading these 'alien' words, we are encouraging the children to decode and blend to ensure these are read accurately.

In Math's, we have been finding quarters of amounts. Using bar models and jottings, the children were able to share amounts into four groups equally.

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3	3	3	3

finding quarters

Next week, we will begin our learning on the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

In Science, we have started our new topic all about growing and planting. We have learnt all about what plants need to survive and how we can help them grow by looking after them. We have planted some peas and radishes and added them to our new year 1 planting garden. Next week we will be planting some more seeds and bulbs and our weekly plant monitors will ensure they are looked after and watered well. If you have any seeds, plants or bulbs that your child would like to bring into school to grow and look after, then please send them into school and we will add them to our new planting garden. Any additions will be gratefully received.



This week, we have begun our new topic, 'Buildings', by finding out about types and styles of houses. Using Google Earth, we looked at where we live and identified the type of house we live in: detached, semi-detached, terraced, bungalow, cottage and flat. Throughout the next few weeks, we will be learning about the ways in which homes are adapted to suit different climates around the world. To help us to discuss and explore the types and features of buildings, it would be fantastic if the children could bring a photo of their own home so we can add it to a class display.

As part of our buildings topic, we have been studying the artwork of Fredrik Hundertwasser. Taking inspiration from his bold colours and connections with nature, the children have designed their own house in a similar style. Next week, we will start to bring our designs to life. We would be grateful if your child could bring a cereal box in by **Tuesday 25th April**.

Next Friday is **1N's** Friday bake. If possible, we would like the children to bring in some buns to sell to the rest of the school. All proceeds made during the Friday bun sale are sent to our chosen school charities for this year. Please remember that we are a **no nuts** school.

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson