

## Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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 Maths, we have been finding quarters of shapes and objects. The children were quick to notice four equal parts always make a whole. Using 2D shapes, we discussed how some shapes can only be quartered in one way, whereas others can be quartered in multiple ways. Next week, we will be finding a quarter of amounts.

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. Next week we will be planting 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.



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.

### **Important Dates:**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April: 1N Friday Bake

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: 1H Friday Bake

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson