

Dear Parent / Carer,

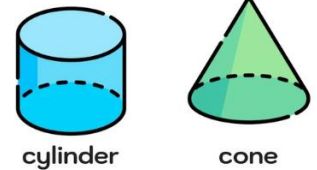
In English this week, we have been enjoying the story *The Highway Rat* by Julia Donaldson. The children have loved following the adventures of the mischievous rat and exploring the rich, rhyming language used throughout the story.



We have been focusing on composition skills, encouraging the children to say their sentences out loud. The children have been practising sequencing events from the story and retelling parts in their own words.

This week in Phonics, our sounds have been 'o' as in post, 'o-e' as in stone, 'ie' as in pie and 'i-e' as in stripe. Our tricky words for the week have been: here, says, today, were and one. 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, Year 1 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have explored the properties of shapes and sorted and compared them using the correct mathematical vocabulary.



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 **1H'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:**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: 1H Swimming

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April: 1H Friday Bake

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson