

## Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

In Phonics, we have recapped the Phase 4 longer words and words containing the new Phase 5 sounds we learnt last week: ay, ou, oy and ea. We have recapped the tricky words: said, says, you, like, little, was, they, some and come.

This week, we have checked each child individually to see which sounds they know and which sounds they are still practising. We have sent a copy of this record home in each child's reading packet so we can continue working on these sounds together.

In Geography, we used a questionnaire to collect information about how children feel about our school playground. We summarised the results of the survey and will use this information to create a design to improve our playground next week.

In Science, we have been looking at the changes across the four seasons. We have been describing weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

In RE, we have continued our learning on why festivals are important to a community. Last week, we learnt about Christian and Jewish harvest celebrations. This week, we have found out about what happens during the holy month of Ramadan and the celebration of Eid al-Fitr.

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, we have a visitor coming into school to talk to the children about Eid and Ramadan as part of our RE topic 'Why are festivals important?'. During the visit, the children will be able to try some traditional finger foods. We will ensure that any allergies are catered for; however, if you would not like your child to join in with the tasting part of the session, please let school know by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**.

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson