

Dear Parents

Reception Class have had such a wonderful storytelling week! The week started with the children choosing which teacher/book to listen to. This meant that the children got to go to different classes to hear stories. On Tuesday Reception had a fantastic drama workshop, where they learnt how to tell the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar without using their mouths. The drama teacher taught the children different dance moves and showed them how to use their faces to show expression. They used their bodies to move around the hall as caterpillars and butterflies. The week ended with an exciting storyteller who came and told the whole school a story in a special assembly.

It was so lovely to see so many parents, grandparents etc on Wednesday for our family storytelling time. The children loved setting out their favourite stories to share with all of you. We continued with our storytelling theme and wrote a giant story map of Goldilocks and The Three Bears. The children worked together as a team to draw the pictures from the story and wrote key words.

In PE this week we have continued with gymnastics, working on the children's balance and their ability to follow instructions. The children found different ways to move around the hall and the equipment. This linked nicely with their use of positional language in maths. Next week during table top we will be starting our bikeability lessons, where the children will learn how to use the balance bikes properly, with cones and road markings. This will then develop in to them being able to use them independently.

The children have loved learning about subtraction. Their favourite game is subtraction smash where they make balls of playdough and smash a few to see how many have been taken away.

We have been working so hard on our Hebrew letters. We are now up to tet. The sounds and names of the Hebrew letters have really been embedded. We have also been using actions so as the children make the sound of the letter they will often use the actions. Please encourage them to do so and to ask why they are making a certain action as this will also help to cement their knowledge. The Parasha of the week is Mishpatim, we learn in this week's Parasha about the laws of milk and meat we had great fun making butter from whipping cream and then making scones!

This week Reception learnt to ask *יֵמִי הַזֶּה?* (Mi ze – who is that? Masculine) and *יֵמִי תְּזֵא?* (Mi zot? – who is that? Feminine). The class learnt the song *יְשִׁימִי יָדְךָ* (Simi yadech – put your hand). You can find the song on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COW7gyebx4>

Our school is raising money for Bee-Bots and Lego WeDo @ Rocket Fund. Can you help?

<https://rocket.fund/p/etzchaimprimaryschool/> Please donate and share!

Shabbat Shalom

Reception Team

