

Dear Parents,

Chicks

The children have absolutely loved watching the chicks grow over the last 10 days. They have all helped to change their brooder box and running area, ensuring the chicks always had fresh bedding, water and food. They learnt how to safely transfer the chicks when they needed cleaning and lots of children enjoyed holding them at every opportunity. We will all miss our lovely chicks!

English

In English this week, the children learnt more about the Savannah using the book 'One Day On Our Blue Planet...In The Savannah' by Ella Bayley. They understood that although laid out like a storybook, the text is actually non-fiction, revealing information about lions and other animals found on the Savannah. The children browsed non-fiction texts and began to learn how to use a contents page and an index.

Maths

This week in Maths, the class focused on addition and subtraction, revising the various ways to solve sums. The children used cubes, Numicon and other resources to help work out the answers to a variety of calculations.

Topic

The children studied how they had changed since they were babies. Thanks to the parents that sent in photos of their child as a baby – it was great to see the hugely noticeable changes. The children explained how they had visibly changed – hair, teeth, body size – and how they will continue to change as they grow older.

Jewish Studies

This week we have been working very hard on our Chaggigah songs and lines as well as learning about Parasha Mishpatim. Hashem gave us 613 mitzvot one of which is milk and meat, the children have enjoyed various sorting activities. We are looking forward to seeing everyone for the Siddur decorating evening this Wednesday in the school hall.

Ivrit

This week Year 1 learnt the words גדול (Gadol – big, masculine) and גדולה (Gdola – big, feminine)

The class learnt the song שִׁמְיָ יָדְךָ (Simi yadech – put your hand). You can find the song on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COW7gyexbX>

Next Week

In English, the children will be sorting animals into categories and using nouns, adjectives and verbs.

In Maths, the class will be continuing to add and subtract before moving onto money.

In Topic, Year 1 will be learning about the life cycles of animals.

Ideas for things you could do at home

- Please read with your child and sign their reading diary.
- Practise their letter and number formation, ensuring they start and finish in the correct place.
- Reinforce counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Reminders

- Our week's attendance was 96.4%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Library is on a Thursday.
- Children's individual reading books will be changed when they have read both books on either a Monday or a Thursday.
- Write in the link book if your child is going home with someone else.
- Please remember to send your Mathathon Sponsorship money to the school office in an envelope labelled with your child's name and Mathathon.
- 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!

POINTS TO NOTE

- The children are expected to come into school on a Tuesday **in their PE kit, wearing white trainers**, with their school clothes in their PE bag, along with their plimsoles for their next PE lesson.

Continuous Provision

The children have worked on the following activities to enhance their learning this week:

Phonics Fun: sorting coins with words into treasure and trash (real vs nonsense)

Magical Maths: using 'Ali the alligator' to find greater than and smaller than

Funky Fingers: threading beads on a tree

Creation Station: creating hand print animals

Writing Area: writing a chick diary

Topic Zone: matching pictures of animals to their habitat

Jewish Studies: 10 commandments display in our groups.

Shabbat Shalom and have a great weekend, The Year One Team