

Dear Parents,

Year 3 have had an excellent week learning about the rainforest and linking this with Book Week.

English

In English, the children continued to think about the Great Kapok Tree being chopped down and the effects that logging has on local and wider communities around the world. They debated reasons for and against logging and discussed these in a 'Conscience Alley'. They then thought about their debate and ideas and began to plan and write their own persuasive argument, arguing one way or the other.

Maths

In Maths the children began to look at division. They explored dividing by 10 using place value grids and began to show division as repeated subtraction and grouping using concrete resources and pictorial representations.

Jewish studies

This week in Jewish Studies the children have continued learning about Avram and his journey in Chumash. They learnt about the four promises that Hashem made to Avram and the children designed a passport for Avram. Additionally, they learnt about Parashat Mishpatim and focused on the Mitzvah of being kind and sensitive to new people. They imagined that there was a new child coming into the class and discussed how they would make the new child feel welcome and comfortable. They then created plays of scenarios showing how to treat new people.

Other areas of the curriculum

The children took their diorama plans from last week and started designing their rainforest diorama. They thought about what they might find inside the rainforest and created these out of materials. The children also looked at what plants need to grow and how water is transported in plants through an experiment with celery and food colouring!

Ideas for things you could do at home:

- Please continue to read with your child and ask them questions to develop their comprehension skills.
- Practise 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 times tables. There are tasks set on TT Rockstars and Mathletics for your child to practise.
- Practise spelling the Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Words and using them within sentences. There are some fun ways to practice these.
- Handwriting – ensure correct size and spacing of letters. Here is the link for the Etz Chaim handwriting policy. This will help to ensure the correct letters are being formed. <http://www.etzchaim-primaryschool.org.uk/key-information/school-policies>
- Next week the children will continue to write a balanced argument about logging in the rainforest. Children can be exposed to language used in arguments and continue to be exposed to issues around logging. This will support them even further.
- In Maths, we will be moving onto Time. The children should start to be exposed to different types of clocks and recapping time to the quarter of an hour.

Reminders

- Our week's attendance was 94.81%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Please remember to return homework by the following Wednesday after it is set.
- Please remember that your child needs to bring in their PE kit on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Reading books need to be brought in on a Tuesday and Thursday so that they can be changed.

Shabbat Shalom!
The Year 3 team