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Dear Parents,

Book Week has been an amazing experience for all of the children - book swapping, story-telling, story chair decorating and much more!

At the end of the day on Monday, teachers around the school read a range of stories and all the children went to listen to the story they wanted to hear. On Tuesday, Year 4 spent a lovely half hour reading stories to the children of Reception. This was much enjoyed by the Reception children who later wrote individual thank you cards to all of the Year 4 children. On Wednesday, many of the Year 4 parents came into class at the beginning of the day to read their son or daughter a story book. It was a very special atmosphere in the class and there was a real buzz of story-telling. On Thursday, Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful session with story teller Ursula Holden Gill who entertained the children with many a tale told with music and much interaction.

Most importantly, the week was greatly enriched by some of the children reading to the class the stories that they had written for last week's home learning. These stories were very imaginative and enjoyed by all.

Of course, in amongst all this excitement, we have also progressed other subjects:

Topic / English

The children have been researching the facts and arguments surrounding rainforest deforestation and are now well underway writing a short report on the subject. As well as learning further about the topic, this activity is giving the children an excellent insight into an important style of non-fiction writing.

Maths

This week, the children have been working on column subtraction. We have been checking that the children understand what is actually happening in terms of place values when they use the column method. We have also challenged the children with a range of word problems involving column method subtraction.

Jewish Studies

We started our new unit in Chumash this week, where Hashem keeps His promise to Sarah and Avraham by giving them a child. The children used their knowledge of the previous unit and of the parasha to make links between our previous story where Avraham and Sarah receive the three visitors who turn out to be messengers or angels from Hashem. This week's parasha is Mishpatim where the Bnei Yisrael are given many rules to create a just society with a strong relationship with Hashem. We looked at the laws of kashrut that appear in the parasha and reminded ourselves of how they help us to have a connection to Hashem.

Ivrit

Year 4 carried on with the topic food and drink. The children are learning to name different foods and putting them into sentences. Some of the foods the children are learning to name are: תפוז (Tapuz – orange) ביצה (Beitza – egg) ברוקולי (Broccoli) פיצה (Pizza) לימון (Limon – lemon) תה (Te – tea) פסטה (Pasta) חמום (Humous) פיתה (Pitta) בננה (Banana) שוקולד (Shokolad – chocolate) פלאפל (Falafel) חלב (Chalav – milk) גבינה (Gvina – cheese) לחם (Lechem – bread) עגבניה (Agvania – tomato) מלפפון (Melafefon – cucumber).

The class will learn during this topic the songs אפונה וגזר which you can find on:

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

They are also learning the song אוכל קדימה אוכל which you can find on the link:

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

Music

In this wonderfully varied week, there was also time for the children to re-start recorder lessons.

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 94.27%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Please ensure that your child brings in their PE kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please also make a note in the green home liaison book if your child is unable to take part in PE for some reason.
- If your child does not already have a non-school uniform cap in school, please supply a cap as soon as possible to be kept in their tray and used for any trips offsite.
- Library books can be changed each week during our library session on Monday. Please remind your child to bring in his/her library book.

- Please continue to read with your child and ask them questions to develop their comprehension skills.
- Please be reminded there are lots of photos on the school website photo gallery, where you can see what the children have been doing and learning.

Please remember to send your Mathathon Sponsorship money to the school office in an envelope labelled with your child's name and Mathathon.

Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. This format has very successfully boosted times tables recall speed for our pupils in Year 2 upwards over the last two years. We are now delighted to announce that we have purchased a subscription to the Time Tables Rock Stars App. This will enable the children to access the resource with ease. If you would like to download the app for free, for use at home with your child's login details (found in their home-school liaison book / diary), please look for the icon below:



Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 4 Team