

Dear Parents,

Year 3 have continued learning and discovering more about the rainforest.

English

In English, the children began the week by writing an alternative ending to their story 'The Great Kapok Tree'. The children discussed the final page and then wrote what they thought would happen about the man left the rainforest. They also started to explore reports. They used the reports that they collected for home learning and highlighted and discussed the features of reports and if they could find them in theirs.

Maths

In Maths the children started to explore time. The revised telling the time to the quarter of an hour and then looked at telling the time to the nearest five minutes. The children also recognised the concepts of years and months through finding their birthday and other important dates in a yearly calendar.

Jewish studies

In our Jewish studies lesson we explained to the children that the Mishkan(tabernacle) was the place where Hashem's presence was felt the most. The children understood that our homes can also be a Mishkan - a place where we feel Hashem's presence. We bring Hashem into our homes by keeping His mitzvot. The table at which we eat is compared to the altar in the Mishkan.

Other areas of the curriculum

In Science, the children looked at what plants need for growth and survival. They labelled plants and explained what they would need to survive. The children also explored the artist Henri Rousseau. They discussed his work, what images they noticed and their opinions on his paintings.

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 look at reports about the rainforest ready to write their own.
- In Maths, we will be continuing to look at Time and beginning to measure and compare duration.

Reminders

- Our week's attendance was 98.52%. 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.
- Barnet have asked all parents to be reminded about children travelling to and from school safely. Please remind your children of the 'stranger danger' rules and to tell a trusted adult if they do not feel safe.
- Your turn! Please come to our **Parents' E-Safety evening** on Thursday 7th March! Book your place at the school office and pop it in your diary.

Shabbat Shalom!
The Year 3 team