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Dear Parents,

This week has been E Safety Week. On Tuesday, the children learnt a great deal from a workshop presented by Streetwise. This explored various essential principles for responsible use of the internet. In addition, our very own Year 4 Digital Leaders made presentations on the subject, both during the school assembly and to individual classes. The feedback from these presentations was excellent and Mrs Baron commended these children for their hard work in fulfilling their responsibilities in this role.

### **Topic / English**

The children are now completing their reports on deforestation. As well as learning about the topic, this has been a valuable exercise in the important skill of organising information into distinct sections and clear paragraphs. Next week, the children will become investigative journalists and will cover a newspaper story about an incident occurring near a village in the Amazon rainforest.

### **Maths**

This week, the children have completed their work on column subtraction. We have also returned to the topic of time - this time, learning how to use the 24 hour clock.

### **Jewish Studies**

This week, we started our new Chumash unit where we saw how Hashem kept the promise that was made to Sara and Avraham by giving them a son, Yitzchak. By emphasising how this promise was kept, the Torah is reminding us to take all our promises seriously as well. The parasha of Terumah is all about the Mishkan that the Bnei Yisrael made while they were travelling through the wilderness. It was a very special place where they could connect with Hashem through tefillah and korbanot. We saw how each person was asked to contribute to this special place by giving sincerely what they wanted to 'in their hearts' and we discussed the importance of giving sincerely.

### **Ivrit**

Year 4 carried on with the topic food and drinks. 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) חֲלָב (Chalav – milk) גְּבִינָה (Gvina – cheese) לֶחֶם (Lechem – bread) עֲגֻבָּיָה (Agvania – tomato) מֶלֶפֶפּוֹן (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>

As well as the song אוכל קדימה אוכל which you can find on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWaXQpeeqPc>

### **Reminders**

- The attendance this week was 96.30%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Please ensure that your child brings in his or her 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 his or her 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 or 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.
- 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 7<sup>th</sup> March! Book your place at the school office and pop it in your diary.
- 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!
- 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