

Dear Parents,

The children have had a busy week this week. We went off timetable on Monday as the children were invited to help Scotland Yard retrieve information from a fallen satellite – this resulted in Science Day. The children also enjoyed Mental Health Week where we spend time experiencing yoga and discussions about growth mindset.

English

This week, the children have been continuing their work on their extended pieces of writing. The children have been working hard to ensure they have included a range of grammatical features we have learnt so far in the year. We have also used 1:1 conferencing to look for opportunities to writing.

Maths

In Maths this week the children have been focusing on the written formal method of long multiplication. The children have been working with numbers of 4-digit by 2-digit, but we have also challenged them further with larger numbers. The children have been working out the answers to these challenges independently and have been checking their answers with a calculator. We have also introduced the children to the formal written method of division, which will be consolidated next week.

Other Areas of the Curriculum

This week we began our science investigation. The children were told that Scotland Yard needed their help to retrieve important confidential information from a fallen satellite. The children became forces experts and participated in activities and investigations to help the team retrieve the satellite. These activities included: investigating if the length of the string impacted the speed of a parachute, understanding balanced and unbalanced forces and creating levers and pulleys. The children had fun investigating and have learnt lots about forces. This week we have also been focusing on how to use a compass. The children explored the playground using a compass to find different areas marked on a map. Lastly, to teach the children the importance of mental health we had an open surgery with Miss Shemtob where the children were able to discuss their worries and strategies to fix solutions independently, during this time the children experienced a lovely peaceful yoga lesson.

Jewish Studies

In Jewish Studies this week we had a Kashrut quiz in the classroom, where pupils had to take the three best questions they prepared for home learning and these were then asked to different pupils. We had some very original and tricky questions which helped us to prepare for Etgar and to strengthen our knowledge of kashrut. This week's parasha is Terumah, where we learn about the Mishkan, a very special place where the Bnei Yisrael could connect to Hashem while they were travelling through the wilderness. We saw how the Aron Kodesh was a wooden box lined with gold on the inside and on the outside and we discussed how this teaches us to be 'golden' both inside and out, by always behaving with integrity. We also started planning our Shabbaton assembly.

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Year 5 carried on with the topic בגדיים (Bgadim – clothes). The focus of this week was on colours: כחול (Kachol – blue), חום (Chum – brown), כתום (Katom – orange) אפור (Afor – grey), שחור (Shachor – black), אדום (Adom – red), ירוק (Yarok – green), סגול (Sagol – purple), ורוד (Varod – pink), לבן (Lavan – white), צהוב (Tzahov – yellow) and תכלת (Tchelet – turquoise).

The class started learning the song נולד הצבע כך: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VT1R37o-d3I>

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 spelling the Year3, 4 and 5 Common Exception Words and using them within sentences.
- Mathletics and TT Rockstars are both great ways to improve and practice number fluency and reinforce our learning from class.

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 99.29%. Please note weekly attendance should be 96% and above.
- Please remember that your child needs to bring in their PE kit on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Please remember that your child needs to bring in their reading books every day.
- Library books can be changed each week during our library session on Tuesday and during library club. Please remind your child to bring in his/her library book.
- If you have any old newspapers, please send them in as we use them to cover tables when doing art work.
- Please ensure your child has a good night sleep each night.
- Please be reminded that we are unable to talk in the morning when we are collecting the class. Should you have any issues regarding your child or school please write in the communication book, or notify the office that you would like a member of the team to contact you.
- 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.
- 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,
Miss Shemtob, Ms Pieters and the Year 5 Team.