

Dear Parents,

Year 3 have enjoyed their last week consolidating their learning about the rainforest. They have learnt so many new things!

### **English**

In English, the children used fact books, the internet and their own knowledge to research, and then plan and write a report about the rainforest. We recapped the features of a report and then the children planned the different subheadings and information to go into their report. They wrote very informative reports which they read to each other.

### **Maths**

In Maths the children started to tell the time to the nearest minute on analogue and digital clocks. The children played a game whereby they had to guess the time their partner was describing in words. They had to record this on the analogue and digital clocks, using the mini clocks to support them. They also measured and compared durations in seconds using a stopwatch. They found out how long, using a stopwatch, it would take certain activities to take .

### **Jewish studies**

In Jewish studies lesson, the children spoke about the Menorah being lit with the best part of the olive oil, which is obtained from the first drops pressed out of perfectly ripe olives. It is done by hand using a mortar. To this very day, the finest olive oil is obtained this way. The children understood that whenever they have an opportunity to do a Mitzvah we should do in the best and nicest way possible.

### **Other areas of the curriculum**

The children created posters using Microsoft Word to notify people of the dangers of cutting down trees in the rainforest. They included interesting facts and persuasive language to convince the public. They also looked at the artist Henri Rousseau and sketched a copy of one of his rainforest 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-primarieschool.org.uk/key-information/school-policies>

### **Reminders**

- Our week's attendance was 93.70%. 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 and have a lovely break!

The Year 3 team