

Dear Parents,

The children have had an exciting and busy week!

English

In English this week the children have continued their work with our class novel, thinking about the mysterious noise beneath the water. The children have created a story plot of what this noise could be. They planned out the language and description they would include within their writing, focusing on figurative language, including their understanding of personification and metaphors. They identified these within song lyrics and have included them in their writing.

Maths

In Maths this week the children have worked on adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and when the denominator is a multiple of the same number. The children have been exploring changing the denominator to an equivalent fraction from a pictorial perspective before writing it symbolically. They also practised simplifying fractions through their understanding of factors.

Other Areas of the Curriculum

This week the children had an amazing time at the Barnet Dance Festival. The children worked beautifully as a class within their performance and enjoyed meeting other schools. The children this week have also been understanding the properties of yeast through a fun science experiment. They have also enjoyed different science related activities throughout science week.

Jewish Studies

We continued preparing for Purim by designing and constructing Mishloach Manot boxes from circles of card folded into triangles to resemble hamantashen. Children had to make their own design based on a template and work out the construction carefully. We also looked at the calendar around Purim, with Shabbat Zachor and Taanit Esther preceding the festival and Shushan Purim following it. The children practised their Purim songs and made Purim games using JI Tap.

Ivrit

Year 5 carried on with the topic בגדיים (Bgdaim – clothes). The focus of this week was on clothes in singular such as: Year 5 has started a new topic on בגדיים (Bgdaim – clothes). The vocabulary of this topic is: חולצה (Chultza – top), חצאית (Chatzayit – skirt), כובע (Kova – hat), שמלה (Simla – dress), מעיל (Meil – coat), סוודר (Sveder – jumper), לובש (Lovesht – wearing, masculine), and we combined clothes with 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), בצהו (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 Year 4 and 5 Common Exception Words and using them within sentences.
- Athletics 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 96.79%. 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 continue to send in your entries for the Etz Chaim Purim Family video Competition 2018. Remember, your videos should be a maximum of **1 minute long**. See the Purim email for more details.
- Please email your videos to the office by **Friday 15th March**. We will not accept any brought in on memory sticks. The winning entries will be shown on Purim for all our families to enjoy!
- 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:



Miss Shemtob, Ms Pieters and the Year 5 Team.

SCIENCE WEEK 'BAKE OFF' PHOTO COMPETITION!

Use food to show an aspect of the Human Body!

Take a photo! Enjoy eating it!



HOW TO ENTER: Bring in your **photo** of your 'Science Bake Off' for the Photo Science Competition. Write the title of your photo, your name and class on the back of it. Pop it in the 'Science Bake Off' Box by the office. (Do NOT bring in any food – ONLY photos) **CLOSING DATE:** Wed 20th March

Good Luck!