

Dear Parents

Pesach has come at last!! We are so excited to be learning new songs and to understanding the story of Pesach. The children have created beautiful Pharaoh crowns. The children have explored which materials float and sink and have made baskets for baby Moshe to float down the Nile in. In the role-play area we have created a 'glittery Pesach house' (the children's choice!) Inside our house there is a TV, which was made with junk modelling, a washing machine, with clothes inside and a beautiful table set for Seder night. The children have really liked exploring the different things that go on the Seder table and are looking forward to learning the 10 plagues next week.

In maths this week the children have learnt about 3D shapes, which links nicely to Pesach and the pyramids. The children have loved looking round the class and the playground for 3D shapes. This was also a good way to teach them to put things back in the right place. We have also learnt how to halve numbers. This was done by baking yummy Numicon biscuits and cutting them in half to see what two numbers were left. As the children are great at doubling, they noticed that halving was the opposite. Reception class love baking and making playdough! **Next week we will be making Matza with Year 5.**

Reception are going to start having bikeability sessions within the week, therefore each child will learn how to use a balance bike, which in turn will help them learn how to ride a bike without stabilisers. The children who took part in the first session were great! They learnt how to 'wake up' the bike, the different parts of the bike and how to use it properly. These sessions will be run by the Reception teachers during table top so every child has one session a week (starting next week).

The children have really enjoyed using the light box this week, putting different shapes on to make pictures and our new metal circles. A few children asked if the circles were magnetic, so we got out the magnets and the whole class have been exploring the different items around the classroom to see if they are magnetic or not. The children have had great discussions about why certain materials are magnetic and why others are not.

The children have learnt the Hebrew letter nun. Thank you so much for reading with your child. Please review the sounds learnt so far and see how well your children remember the sounds. **Please can you write in your child's green reading record if you have read their reading book with them.**

One of the children's favourite activities this week was learning how to write their name in hieroglyphics, like the Egyptians used to do. We talked about how they didn't use pencils and paper like we do, but a hammer and chisel. The children were fascinated by the pictures of real hieroglyphics in stones.

This week Reception started to learn to say פֶּסַח שְׂמֵחַ (Pesach sameach – happy Pesach) חַג שְׂמֵחַ (Chag sameach – happy festival), שַׁבַּת שְׁלוֹמִי (Shabbat shalom) and לְהִיטְרוֹת (Lehitraot – goodbye). The class started learning the song הַשִּׂמְחָה הַרְבֵּה (Simcha raba – lots of happiness) which you can find on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTm0uTGIMbY>

Our week's attendance was 98.57%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom
Reception Team



