

Dear Parents,

This week we have started creating our Haggadot. The children have worked so hard cutting, sticking, rubbing and pouring glitter everywhere. We can't wait for you to see them and we hope you will love them as much as we do. We have of course been singing lots of songs. Pesach is full of songs and the children have picked up the tunes up so quickly in both Hebrew and English. We look forward to showing you all our hard work at the Seder on Thursday at 9.30am.

The children have loved listening to the Pesach story and can now re-tell it. They have started to use puppets and props to act out the story. This week in the water tray we have had red water to represent the first plague of blood as well as water with different items in to see if the children could 'split the sea'. There was a lot of discussion overheard by the water tray about what they needed to do to part the water, a few children gave up but others carried on building walls with foam blocks, putting in sponges o soak up the water and even building a marble run to move the water. We talked about how it was impossible to do and that Hashem had performed a miracle.

The children's favourite part of the Pesach story is the ten plagues. They have learnt a song about the plagues in Hebrew and sing it while they wear our special ten plague masks. The children had a lesson on the 10 plagues where they have to remember the order of them as they were mixed up on the Interactive Whiteboard. They then cut out pictures of the plague, stuck them in the correct order and wrote numbers one to ten (which was great practice of number formation).

We had the best morning on Tuesday, when the children made coconut slices with Year 5! It was great fun to work with the older children in the hall to make our yummy treats. Reception ate theirs before they went home. The children were really good at trying them and most of the children loved the coconut.

On Thursday the children baked matza, they thought it was great fun and particularly liked the man cooking the matzot whilst the children were there.

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

Our week's attendance was 96.43%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.



Shabbat Shalom,

Reception Team