Dear Parents,

The highlight of this week for Year 4 was the trip to the British Museum to the see the exhibition on Ancient Egypt. We spent our afternoon exploring the amazing discoveries from the time and learning about life in Egypt. There was a particular focus on seeing the mummies and understanding more about the practice of mummification. Ms Pieters led a fascinating tour around the exhibition and made many links with the story of Pesach. The trip has also helped the children to identify ideas for their contribution to a collage that we are creating focusing on life by the River Nile.

Maths

This week, the children have been completing a range of challenges to practise counting in various multiples and trying to solve a series of related word problems. Do please keep supporting the children in learning their times tables. It is so important that they achieve fluency in terms of accuracy and speed.

Topic / English

The children have embarked on writing a newspaper report on the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun. We have been discussing the key components of a newspaper report and thinking about the success criteria depending on the target audience. We will be drawing out the distinctions between the different styles of writing in different types of newspaper. They have used their eye witness accounts as a starting point for the report and they will include quotations from their eye witness account in the report.

Science

The children have been learning about the different types of teeth and their functions. They also carried out and wrote up an experiment to see the effect of different types of liquid on teeth.

Jewish Studies

We have been in Pesach mode all week, working hard to prepare our class Haggadot for Pesach, with children creating information and quizzes about the various parts of the Haggadah to share at home. We have also been practising songs for the Seder and getting ready for Pesach in various other ways, including our amazing trip to the British Museum to study real objects from Egypt, bringing the Pesach story to life. The children also enjoyed a matzo baking workshop led by Tzivos Hashem.

Ivrit

Year 4 carried on with the topic food and drinks. The children are learning to name different foods and putting them into sentences. Some of the foods the children are learning to name are: תַּפּוּז (Tapuz – orange) בֵּיצָה (Beitza – egg) בְּרוֹקוֹלִי (Broccoli) פִּיצָה (Pizza)לִימוֹן (Limon – lemon) תֵּה (Te – tea)פַּסְטָה (Pasta) חומוס (Humous)פִּתָּה (Pitta) בַּנָּנָה (Banana) שוֹקוֹלָד (Shokolad – chocolate)פָּלָאפֶל (Falafel)חָלָב (Chalav – milk) גְּבִינָה (Gvina – cheese) לֶחֶם (Lechem – bread) עַגְבָנִיָּה (Agvania – tomato)מְלָפְפוֹן (Melafefon – cucumber).

The class will learn during this topic the songs אפונה וגזר which you can find on:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAunFOTWxEg

as well as the song אוכל קדימה אוכל which you can find on the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWaXQpeeqPc

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 88.69%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Please ensure that your child brings in his or her PE kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please also make a note in the green home liaison book if your child is unable to take part in PE for some reason.
- Library books can be changed each week during our library session on Monday. Please remind your child to bring in his or her library book.
- Please continue to read with your child and ask them questions to develop their comprehension skills.
- Please be reminded there are lots of photos on the school website photo gallery, where you can see what the children have been doing and learning.
- 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.
- 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,

The Year 4 Team