

Dear Parents,

The children have had an exciting and busy week in preparation for Pesach.

English

In English this week the children have continued their work with our class book: A Boy and a Bear in a Boat. We have continued reading our story and have discovered an abandoned ship in the middle of the ocean. The children have developed their inference skills further by creating scripts about the moments before the ship was abandoned. They applied their understanding of colons and brackets into this context and performed them to the class. The children have also been looking at the key features of a fairy tale. They have been text marking a story to identify the key features.

Maths

This week we have completed our work with fractions and have moved on to decimals. The children have consolidated their learning from last year on hundredths and tenths. They found tenths and hundredths between given numbers, and have written these numbers in words. The children were also introduced to thousandths this week. As a class, they created large numbers using baseboards and numicon and then applied these skills to pictorial representations on thousandths. The children also learnt how to write numbers containing thousandths and the correct way to say them.

Other Areas of the Curriculum

This week the children had the opportunity to practise their cooking skills with Reception using a combination of different ingredients and their journey from liquid to solids they were able to explain the change of state of the particles. The children reviewed the reversible and irreversible changes of cooking. This week they also completed their Pesach cushions and are excited to share them with you over Pesach.

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. The children also enjoyed making Matzvah this week!

Ivrit:

Year 5 carried on with the topic בגדים (Bgadim – clothes). The focus of this week was on clothes in singular such as: Year 5 has started a new topic on בגדים (Bgadim – 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), מכנסיים (Michnasayim – trousers), מגפיים (Magafayim – boots), סנדלים (Sandalim – sandals), מעילים (Meilim – coats), שמלות (Smalot – dresses), חצאיות (Hatzaiot – skirts), כובעים (Kovaim – hats), חולצות (Chultzot – tops), לובש (Lovesh – wearing, masculine), לובשת (Loveshet – wearing, feminine), 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), צהוב (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 97.62%. 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
- 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:



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- Please be reminded that tzizit and kippot are as much of a part of the school uniform as trousers. Please ensure your child is wearing both to school every day.

Miss Shemtob, Ms Pieters and the Year 5 Team.