

Dear Parents,

The children have had a busy and fun filled week of learning!

English

In English, the children began to look at newspaper articles. They learnt about the different elements of a newspaper such as a headline and by-line and they searched for these features in the First News newspapers. They also read and discussed a variety of different articles and their headlines and then were able to create their own headlines to different stories. The children had great fun thinking of catchy and interesting headlines!

Maths

In Maths, the children continued to look at shapes and angles. They learnt about the degrees in a full turn, quarter turn and half turn and applied this to times on a clock. They recognised that the 12 to 3 was 90 degrees. The children also explored horizontal, vertical, parallel, perpendicular and diagonal lines. They looked at pictures of a variety of different skylines and they had to find the different lines within the picture. They applied this to different pictures around the school.

Jewish studies

This week in Chumash we learnt that Avram and Lot couldn't live together because not only was there not enough space, but there were arguments between the shepherds as Lot let his sheep roam free. In our Parashah lessons we learnt that when the Bnei Yisrael brought any kind of animal offering, they had to inspect the animal very carefully to make sure that it is absolutely perfect and free from any cut or blemish. This teaches us that we must always give of our best. When we give something to someone we must make sure that the gift is the best we can give and in perfect condition so that the person who receives it will be happy.

Ivrit

A touch of Hebrew is an app you can download for free on any iPad- here you will find the topics that your children are learning about in Ivrit. The children can watch the videos and play the Ivrit games that they enjoy in class. Year 3 have started learning about numbers – מִסְפָּרִים. The children got introduced to the concept of adding and subtracting numbers in Ivrit and had a short conversation.

The class began learning the song פִּיקִנִּיק יָצְאוּ לִפְנֵי קִנִּיק - 12 parot Moshe yatzu lepiknik (12 lady birds went for a picnic) which you can find on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZLcFNGQdAg>

Other areas of the curriculum

The children spent some time researching different man-made and natural materials. They discovered where they come from and how they are made. They created fact files on Microsoft Word to demonstrate their research. They also looked at grouping materials in terms of their state of matter (solids, liquids and gases). They explored ways in which a material can move between the states of matter and look at melting and freezing in particular. The children also learnt about the artist Michelle Reader who creates sculptures from recyclable materials.

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 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 times tables. There are tasks set on TT Rockstars and Mathletics for your child to practise.
- Practise spelling the Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Words and using them within sentences. There are some fun ways to practice these. The children also have a MagicSpell username and password. This is great to practice the common exception words.

- Handwriting – ensure correct size and spacing of letters. Here is the link for the Etz Chaim handwriting policy. This will help to ensure the correct letters are being formed. <http://www.etzchaim-primarieschool.org.uk/key-information/school-policies>
- Next week, the children will be planning and writing their own newspaper reports. Please expose your child to different newspaper reports

Reminders

- Our week's attendance was 100%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Please remember to return homework by the following Wednesday after it is set.
- Please remember that your child needs to bring in their PE kit on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Reading books need to be brought in on a Tuesday and Thursday so that they can be changed.

Shabbat Shalom
The Year 3 team