

Dear Parents

We have had a lovely green fingered week this week! The children have been planting flowers and a herb garden, both in the Foundation Stage playground and in the gardening area at the back of the playground. Whilst they were planting, the children looked in the bug hotel to see if they could see any bugs... but they didn't. However a few children found a worm and some yellow ants and put them in a pot to keep as pets in the classroom.

Our class caterpillars have turned into chrysalises. Miss Genn is going to take them home for half term, and will video when they turn into butterflies if this happens before we come back to school. Miss Genn will release the butterflies in school with the children. The children have been really good at looking after the caterpillars and have loved watching them grow daily. They have been very interested in their life cycle.

The children have been designing their own mini-beasts and writing about them. The teachers have loved the funny names that they have come up with for their bugs. In maths this week the children have been talking about their daily routine and things they do on different days, which will link nicely to learning about time after half term.

To link our IPC topic of 'Plants, Flowers and Mini-beasts' the children have also been learning about Vincent Van Gogh. They talked about what they liked and disliked about his painting of 'Sunflowers'. The children then painted their own version of sunflowers. Some children kept to the yellow colour scheme and others created lovely colourful sunflowers.

The children are looking forward to learning about Shavuout after the holidays and getting ready for our Aleph Bet party. They will also start to make their own Siddur to take to Year 1 with them.

A few parents have asked about our school trip, more information about that will be sent out at the beginning of next half term. Thank you to the parents who have offered to help us on our MMK trip on the 4<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure that your child has a non-uniform cap to wear on our walk to and from the school.

Our week's attendance was 95.54%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Have a lovely half term  
Shabbat Shalom  
Reception Team

