

Dear Parents,

The children have had an exciting and busy week discovering the different elements to our new topic: Extreme Survivors. This week our focus has been on the Cave animals.

English

In English this week the children have been focusing description. The children have been writing a narrative about the moment a brown bear awakes from hibernation. The children created a mindmap focusing on sounds and what you can see from a forest environment. They took their observations and created beautiful examples of personification with in. the children then story-boxed their plan and creating a language plan which contained a range of grammatical features looked at in class. The children then wrote their narrative and upleveling in either pairs or independently.

Maths

This week in Maths, the children have been completing Maths questions based on their understanding of decimals. The children have been focusing on applying their understanding of decimals to problem solving contexts to ensure they understand and consolidate their learning of decimals.

Other Areas of the Curriculum

In science this week the children have been focusing on cave environments. The children created mindmaps on researching cave animals and how they are adapted for these conditions. The children also learnt about why animals hibernate and why they chose caves as their location for this.

Jewish Studies

This has been a very short week for Jewish Studies but we still managed to learn quite a bit about Lag BaOmer and linking it to our learning of Jewish history. We looked at what the omer was in Biblical times and how Lag baOmer happened in Rabbinic times, in particular at the time when Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai lived. The children all received personal invitations to the Etgar quiz and we are working hard to prepare for an amazing day packed with a variety of quiz activities.

Ivrit:

Year 5 have started this week their end of topic assessment task about clothes - בגדים (Bgdim). They are assessed on all the words they learnt throughout this topic and how they are creating sentences with them. The words that the assessment is about are: חולצה (Chultza – top), חצאית (Chatzayit – skirt), כובע (Kova – hat), שמלה (Simla – dress), מעיל (Meil – coat), סוודר (Sveder – jumper), מכנסים (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.

- Mathematics 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 99.55%. 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's 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.