

Dear Parents,

Wow what a busy week we have had! The children were so excited to come back to school to discover that Pirates had been in our classroom and left us a pirate ship, a cave and loads of treasure and gold coins! Our new topic is 'Treasure' and the children are loving it so far. They have been playing a Phonics game with gold coins, and have been sorting real and nonsense words by putting them in a bin and a treasure chest.

Another very exciting thing that's happened this week it that our butterflies have finally emerged out of their chrysalises. Miss Genn took the caterpillars home over the half term and 4 butterflies emerged, luckily the last one popped out whilst we were bensching on Monday afternoon. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs Baron and a visitor joined us to let the butterflies go. Three butterflies confidently flew away and the other two landed on the flowers in our lovely gardening patch at the back of the playground. The children were able to tell the visitor all about the butterfly life cycle and how we looked after them.

For Literacy this week Miss Genn read 'Surprising Sharks' as a few children showed an interest in sea life. The children loved watching videos of different sharks swimming in the sea, and were amazed that some sharks are tiny and only as big as our feet! The teachers heard some fantastic discussions between the children about sharks and what they eat, how they swim, what they feel like and if they are actually scary. Some children thought it was funny that some sharks are born in eggs and others are in the shark's tummy.

The children also created their own cheesecake recipes by selecting different pictures of ingredients and writing a shopping list and the method of how they would use to make their cake. This linked nicely to them actually making delicious cheesecake on Thursday.

This half term in Maths we will be revisiting all the concepts that the children have learnt over the past two terms. The children independently worked on adding by choosing two Numicon pieces out of a feely bag, adding them together and finding the correct number of objects. They then checked their answer by counting the objects. It was lovely for the teachers to see the children remembering to check their answer. Some children knew to get a whiteboard, write their name on it and then take a photo on the iTouch.

In Ivrit this week Reception learnt to say טובים צהריים אחר - achar tzahara'im tovim (Good afternoon), say שותה/ שותה - shoteh/shotah (drink m/f), אוכלת/אוכל - ochel/ochelet (eat m/f), חלב - chalav (milk), יוגורט - yogurt (yogurt), גלידה - glidah (ice cream), גבינה - gvinah (cheese) for Shavuot.

Reception began learning the song Eretz tzavat chalav udvash ארץ חלב ודבש זבת for Shavuot:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjFPzN6oGE8>

Reception continued learning the song **העוגה איפה?** Eifo ha'uga (Where is the cake?) which you can find on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTDDPz69w7>

The highlight of the week was our trip to MMK on Tuesday afternoon. The children were very excited to be visiting their friends. We were made to feel very welcome with drinks and homemade biscuits. We sang songs, listened to a story and made some beautiful flowers in an arts and crafts session. Our second favourite thing was making (and eating) our very own cheesecake on Thursday. The children definitely enjoyed the sprinkles! After Shavuot we will be focussing on our Hebrew reading again. Chag Sameach!

Our week's attendance was 98.93%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom
Reception Team

