

Dear Parents,

The children have enjoyed their first week back exploring their new topic 'Shaping Up'.

English

The children recapped their knowledge of biographies; what they are and how to write one. They highlighted features on a real example of a biography and discussed in groups. The children then thought about a famous athlete or sports person and wrote questions to find out more information about them and their life. They used books and the Internet to research the answers to these questions and recorded this to help when writing their biography.

Maths

The children consolidated their learning of multiplication. They recapped how to partition numbers and doubling and halve numbers through partitioning. They then used this skill to multiply with the grid method. They had to partition two and three digit numbers and multiply them by one digit numbers.

Jewish studies

This week in Jewish Studies, the children have been learning about Shavuot. They have been discussing the different customs that are done on Shavuot and their reasons. Additionally, they crunched up biscuits and mixed it with cheese, as it is a custom to eat dairy foods over the festival of Shavuot.

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.

This week Year 3 started the topic of הולדת יום (Yom Huledet – birthday). The words that we are learning are: נרות (Nerot – candles), עוגה (Uga- cake), עוגות (Ugot – cakes), מתנה (Matana – present), מתנות (Matanot – presents), לי (Li – to me), לה (La – to her), לו (Lo – to him), זר (Zer – daisy chain), הזמנה (Hazmana – invitation), בלון (Balon – balloon), סוכריות (Sukariot – sweets), בן (Ben – boy), בת (Bat – girl), בן כמה אתה? (Ben kama ata? – how old are you? - Masculine), בת כמה אתה? (Bat kama at? – how old are you? - Feminine).

Year 3 continued learning the song הַעוּגָה אֵיפֹה? Eifo ha'uga (Where is the cake?) which you can find on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTDDPz69w7I>

They also started to learn the song הולדת יום (Yom Huledet – Birthday). You can find the song on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmV-iVwvqwU&list=PLNH9EjqlOWb3WWSArALznS9wAjqIcTF>

Other areas of the curriculum

The children were introduced to their new topic 'Shaping Up' by thinking about and discussing what the words 'fitness' and 'health' might mean. They thought of our bodies as machines and discussed what it needs to work well as well as the opposite, what might happen if someone was 'unhealthy' and 'unfit'. The children also looked at the skeleton of the human body and what its purpose is. They explored a body without a skeleton and looked at the bones and their names.

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. Next week, the children will be practicing the written methods of multiplication so practice of times tables is essential.

- 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 writing biographies about a significant sports person. Over the weekend, if they want to read any information about their **famous sports person** to help them they can.

Reminders

- Our week's attendance was 98.52%. 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.
- Remember next week is Bike to School Week. The children need to bring in their **bike or scooter** on **Friday 14th June**.

Shabbat Shalom
The Year 3 team