

Dear Parents,

The children have had a very busy week!

### **English:**

In English this week the children used their home learning plan to complete their letter writing. The children used their plan and other resources to help support their writing. The children have also continued their work with our class novel 'Street Child', and have responded to the text through Art and Drama.

### **Maths:**

In Maths this week the children continued their work on the properties of rectangles. The children also began understanding 2D and 3D shapes and creating nets to represent their shapes. The children created skyscrapers of these shapes and we created a Year 5 village of all of them assembled together.

### **Other Areas of the Curriculum:**

This week the children participated in Victorian day where they were introduced to a range of activities that a Victorian child would experience. This included: slate and dip pen writing, Victorian games, Union Jack flag making and drawing nature. The children also experienced a Victorian playtime where they were able to entertain themselves in the same manner as a Victorian child. The children also created paper spinners which were very popular during the Victorian era. Year 5 concluded their link with the Year 5 children from St Paul's Church of England School. The children joined St Paul's in Mill Hill Park where they played a range of team building games followed by a picnic lunch. The children were given the opportunity to play a range of playground games and sporting activities and build great bonds with the other pupils. It was a lovely afternoon in the park. In Science this week the children have been looking at the different ways animals reproduce. They also focused on the quantity they can produce at one time.

### **Jewish Studies:**

In Jewish Studies this week we continued working on our Etgar general knowledge, focusing on mitzvot and the way we classify them. We then looked at six mitzvot in more detail and the children made leaflets to explain these mitzvot in their own words. We also worked on our Hebrew reading. The parasha this week is Shelach and we focus on how the spies who were sent to the land showed a lack of respect by reporting to the people as a whole rather than to their leader Moshe who had sent them. We discussed the importance of showing respect and behaving in a respectful way.

### **Ivrit:**

Year 5 carried on their end of topic assessment task about clothes - בגדים (Bgadim). 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), להשמה (Simla – dress), מעיל (Meil – coat), סוודר (Sveder – jumper), מכנסיים (Michnasayim – trousers), מגפיים (Magafayim – boots), סנדלים (Sandalim – sandals), מעילים (Meilim – coats), שמלות (Smalot – dresses), חצאיות (Hatzaiot – skirts), כובעים (Kovaim – hats), חולצות (Chultzot – tops), לובש (Lovesht – 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 תכלית (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.
- Athletics 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 98.93%. 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.

