

Dear Parents,

The children have enjoyed lots of topic-based learning this week.

English

The children began to look at writing stories. They looked at different stories, some traditional stories and other more recent stories that they had read. As a class and in small groups, they discussed the structure of the stories and how they were similar and different. They used this to make a success criteria on what they thought a good story needed and how the stories progressed. The children also started to look at story openings and how to engage the reader from the start of a book.

Maths

The children looked at bar graphs this week. They used data they had collected the previous week to draw a bar graph about the amount of sleep children in the class got. They interpreted the results to see how long children on average slept for. They also interpreted other bar graphs and made conclusions about the results.

Jewish studies

In their Parashah lesson this week children discussed that after the death of Aharon, all of Bnei Yisrael mourn for thirty days. Bnei Yisrael loved Aharon because he constantly made peace between people and taught them to love each other. They also learnt that they need to look out for ways of making peace.

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 carried on learning 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), אַתָּה כָּמָה בֵּן? (Ben kama ata? – how old are you? - Masculine), אַתָּה כָּמָה בַּת? (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 at 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=PLNH9Ejql0Wb3WWScRrALznS9wAjqIcTF>

Other areas of the curriculum

The children looked at the role of the heart and lungs and how oxygen and nutrients are transferred around the body. They also began to evaluate their learning from the year and used this to write their newspaper articles for the School Newspaper.

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.
- 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>

Reminders

- Our week's attendance was 98.35%. 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.
- Please ensure your child's library books are brought back as soon as possible.

Shabbat Shalom

The Year 3 team