

Dear Parents,

The children have had a great week of learning and preparing for their end of term assembly.

### **English**

The children continued to write and edit their stories. They began the week by planning their stories on a story mountain. They thought about their characters and settings, the build-up and problem of the story, the resolution and the ending. They used their ideas to write the opening of their story. Each child decided whether they wanted to open their story by describing the setting and the characters with dialogue or with action. They were able to read these out to the rest of the class. The children used their plans to write the rest of the story.

### **Maths**

The children consolidated their knowledge of formal written and mental methods of addition and subtraction. They calculated different questions using the column method and then thought about how they could tackle different calculations mentally and by estimating. The children began to apply this knowledge to problem solving questions.

### **Jewish studies**

In this week's Parashah, the children discussed that Balak wanted to weaken Bnei Yisrael so that he could beat them. He invited Bilam, a prophet, to curse Bnei Yisrael, because he knew and understood the power of words. Bilam tried to curse Bnei Yisrael three times and only succeeded in blessing them the third time with Mah Tov. He used these words because he was impressed with the way Bnei Yisrael had arranged their tents so that no openings face each other. In this way each family is able to respect one another's privacy. We taught the children that they need to respect another person's privacy.

### **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 יום הולדת (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 carried on learning the song איפה העוגה? 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 יום הולדת (Yom Huledet – Birthday). You can find the song on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmV-iVwvqwU&list=PLNH9EjqloWb3WWScRarALznS9wAjqlcTF>

### **Other areas of the curriculum**

The children were fortunate to have a visitor from a Team GB athlete. The athlete ran a fitness session for the children and explained his job and what his day to day life looks like. They had an opportunity to ask the athlete questions about his work, diet and exercise. The children also consolidated their learning on the digestive system by describing the journey that food takes in our bodies.

### **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-primaryschool.org.uk/key-information/school-policies>

### **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.

Shabbat Shalom  
The Year 3 team