

Dear Parents,

The children have had a great first week getting to know the new classroom, systems and adults around the classroom. They were exceptionally welcoming to the new children in the class.

Maths

In Maths this week we have been focusing on number formation. The children have been practising forming their numbers in sand before using their maths books to help secure their number formation before writing in smaller squares. We have begun our Maths work this term by helping the children understand that numbers are everywhere. The children completed an 'All about me' sheet where they were looking at facts about them which involve numbers, for example birthdays and number of siblings. This week we have also been looking at different ways to create numbers using different resources. The children used a range of different resources to create a number and then created a poster on how to use the equipment within the classroom.

English

In English this week, the children started reading our class book 'A Bad Case of Stripes'. The children were introduced to a character who loved butterbeans. To help the children understand this love, we gave each child a butterbean to eat. The children were then able to use capital letters and full stops to describe the butterbeans and to express an opinion about it. We have also been focusing on adding the correct punctuation to sentences this week: the children had to decide if a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark was needed. Lastly we have been focusing on letter formation. The children have been practising how to write letters starting at the correct point and finishing at the correct point. This will help strengthen their skills before teaching them joined up handwriting.

Other areas of the curriculum

In art this week the children used mirrors to help create a self-portrait. The children drew their own features and decorated their portraits with different things that they love. This week we started our new topic 'How are you?'. The children have created their own topic title pages with images and words to help describe this topic. The children have also been discussing healthy snacks and have designed a snack box for their favourite snack. They have also described why this is a suitable snack for school and why it is considered to be healthy. For fine motor skills this week the children have been using Hama beads to write their names. This has been a challenge for them as they had to ensure all the letters were the correct size. The children have also signed the acceptable use agreement and after a discussion the children understand what to do if something inappropriate pops up on their computer. This week we have also been looking at sensory circuits. These are circuits to help exercise your brain when we need a break from learning. The children created a sensory circuit which involved running around organising their space on a tight rope and planking to

relax the body. The children now understand how important it is to not only exercise our bodies but also exercise our minds.

Jewish Studies

This week in Jewish Studies, we learned all about the reasons for the different foods that we eat on Rosh Hashanah. The children were very excited to plan their honey pot designs for Rosh Hashanah. They also thought about special greetings for their Rosh Hashanah cards.

Ivrit

Year 2 started the new topic of מֶזֶג הָאָוִיר (Mezeg Ha avir- the weather). Our new vocabulary includes: גֶּשֶׁם (Geshem – rain) עָנָן (Anan – cloud) קֶשֶׁת (Keshet – rainbow) שֶׁמֶשׁ (Shemesh – sun) בָּרָק (Barak – lightning) מְעַט (Me'at ananim – little clouds) שֶׁלֶג (Sheleg – snow) חָם (Cham – hot) קָר (Kar – cold) הַרְבֵּה (Harbe ananim – a lot of clouds) גֶּשֶׁם קָל (Geshem kal – light rain) גֶּשֶׁם חָזָק (Geshem chazak – heavy rain) עָנָנִים (Ananim – clouds) מְעֻנָּן (Meunan – cloudy) קַיִץ (Kaitz – summer) אָבִיב (Aviv – spring) חֹרֶף (Choref – winter) סָתָו (Stav – Autumn) learnt to say הַיּוֹם הַמֶּזֶג מָה? (What is the weather today?) שֶׁמֶשׁ יֵשׁ הַיּוֹם (today there is sun) עָנָנִים אֵין הַיּוֹם (today there are no clouds) גֶּשֶׁם אֵין הַיּוֹם (today there is no rain).

The class began learning the song מֶזֶג הָאָוִיר (Mezeg Ha avir- the weather)) which you can find on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8IF3zwzOGI>

Things to do at home

- Please continue to read with your child and ask them questions to develop their comprehension skills.

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 98.15%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Please ensure that your child brings in his or her PE kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Library books can be changed each week during our library session on Friday. Please remind your child to bring in his or her library book.
- School reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday.

It has been a pleasure getting to know and teaching your children. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Thank you for joining us for the shofar blowing at the start of the new school year. From **Monday 16th September**, children will be lining up and then we will blow the shofar for them. You are welcome to stay to listen but are not obliged to.

Shabbat Shalom,
The Year 2 Team