

Dear Parents,

Year 5 have had an exciting Sukkot week with lots of activities and visitors. They have explored the Moving People topic with visitors coming in to talk about their own stories and as well as hearing first-hand accounts of Windrush.

English – We have finished reading The Journey and explored our own endings to the story.

Maths – The children have been working on chocolate projects where they have costed and designed their own bar.

Topic – We have explored our Black History Month topic of Windrush. They have heard first-hand accounts of Windrush and have had a visitor come in and speak of their experience living in Brixton at the time. The children explored first hand and second hand sources and used them to find information about Windrush. They also enjoyed a dance workshop celebrating The Nottinghill Carnival.

Ivrit –Year 5 created sentences with the words: סוכה (succa), קיר (kir) wall, סכך (schach), פטיש (patish) hammer, מסמר (masmer) nail, בונה (boneh) build, and the phrase סוכות חג שמח (Chag Succot Same'ach) Happy festival of Succot. They also created sentences including the names of the seven species – חמץ (chita) of Israel: חיטה (chita) wheat, שעורה (seora) barley, גפן (gefen) grapesvine, תאנה (te'ena) fig, רימון (rimon) pomegranate, זית (za'it) olive, תמר (tamar) date.

The class learnt the song 'Eretz chita' .

They also practised the song מְסַמֵּר פְּטִישׁ (Patish Masmer – hammer nail) which you can find on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7D5sSpfk_4

JS – This week we have all been into the school sukkah to experience shaking the lulav and etrog and enjoy some pastries. We practised saying the brachot for eating in a sukkah and the children were proud to see the decorations they had made for the sukkah. We also enjoyed our Sukkot Bingo with SEED and the highlight of the week was our visit to the sukkah at Mill Hill Shul and helping Year 2 with some exciting Sukkot activities!

Reminders – The children must be reading their scheme books out loud every evening. Please ask them comprehension questions about the text they are reading and date and sign the blue diary each time. The children should also be reading their 'home' books as well. The school library books can be changed or renewed on Mondays or in Library Club on Wednesdays.

Please ensure your child has their blue diary each day. If they are being collected by someone else to usual, this must be recorded in the diary on the day.

All boys need a spare kippah in their tray and all children need a non-uniform cap in their tray too.

Children should be coming in to school in their PE kits on a Wednesday morning. They should bring their school uniform in their PE bag to change into after PE.

Our week's attendance was 91.67%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

Mrs Gishen and the Year 5 team