

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has had a lovely half-term and I loved hearing about all the different activities the children were up to.

The children have settled back into school really nicely this week. We have been practising our phonics and have learnt some new letters including; **k, o, c and b**. The children are practising blending with these sounds; for example the children have been practising blending s-a-m to blend to Sam. Some of the children are now writing with pencils and paper in their books and some are still practising their handwriting on their whiteboards. They are showing lovely progress with their phonic sounds.

We also read a story called 'Arghhh Spider'. We talked about the characters' feelings and we used this to help explain how we are feeling when we come into school. We have also been practising our counting skills by playing Rockets and Comets (the same as Snakes and Ladders). We have been practising reading some 3-letter words during our CP by using the plastic letters and matching this to the letters on the display. We have also been extending our vocabulary by playing the shopping list game and adding some of our own items to the shopping list. This also helps with their memory skills.

We in Reception are sooo excited. The time has finally arrived. Reception are starting to learn the Allen Bet!!! We started by unfurling a children's Torah scroll so that we could see all the different Hebrew letters and see Hebrew in use. We have learnt the letter Aleph א. Aleph makes no sound and we use the action of putting our fingers to our lips whenever we see the letter. You will see in the green bags that a wonderful sheet has been sent home. Please complete the tasks with your child and have the files back in the bag by Monday when we will learn a new letter and get another sheet.

It has also been Parasha Noach and we have spent time make animal masks, counting on 2's, seeing what materials float or sinks and finally making zebra biscuits. We have been very busy!!

Our week's attendance was 95%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat shalom,

Reception Team