

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy week introducing the children to our topic 'Let's Celebrate'. Thank you everyone for bringing in your recycling materials!

Maths

We began the week by completing a range of different place value activities to help consolidate their learning from the previous week. The children completed: place value of three digit numbers, writing numerals in words, problem solving contexts and ordering numbers. The children then revised their number facts to 20 through Numicon and Cuisenaire rods. They were able to use this knowledge and apply it to a word problem.

English

This week we have begun our work with joined up handwriting. The children have been working hard to join un, um, ig and id. We have worked hard on the sizing of letters and how to join correctly. We have also begun our work with our new class book: The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon. The children have been introduced to the description of Egg Box Dragon and we have been creating a drawing based on this description. This is to help the children with developing their inferencing skills and understanding new vocabulary.

Other areas of the curriculum

In History this week we have been looking at hygiene and medicine in different periods of time. We began this week looking at the Black Plague and why hygiene was poor and why we are lucky today to have better facilities. We then learnt about our figure for Black History Month: Mary Seacole. After a long discussion about who she was, why we should remember her and what impact she made, the children created medals for her and explained their designs. In science the children have been observing materials and have been looking at what different materials have in common. To introduce our new topic: Let's Celebrate, the children planned a teamwork party. The children decided the games, activities and made the decorations. In Fine motor, the children have been creating firework sparks which will be used to decorate our role play area.

Jewish Studies

We have been working so hard on our Hebrew reading. The children are doing very well and really getting to know the Aleph Bet and the vowel blends. We have continued learning our Parasha song and learning about the stories in the book of Bereshit. This week we have been looking at Noach and how he perseveres to make the Ark even though people around him are making fun of him.

Ivrit

This week year 2 has started a new topic about the human body. The class will carry on learning the topic for this half term. The key words are: לְחַיִּים, אֶף, עֵינַיִם, מַצָּח, פָּנִים, רֹאשׁ, לְחַיִּים, רַגְלִים, רֶגֶל, בְּרָכִים, בֶּרֶךְ, יָדִים, יָד, גֵּב, בֶּטֶן, כְּתָפִים, כֶּתֶף, צִוָּאר, לְשׁוֹן, שִׁנַּיִם, שֵׁן, פֶּה, אֲזָנִים which are:

head, face, forehead, eyes, nose, cheeks, ears, mouth, teeth, tongue, neck, shoulder, shouldered, stomach, back, hand, hands, knees and legs.

The class will learn the following songs as part of the topic: יש, שלי הפנים אלה, למעלה ידיים, הראש על יד לשים רוצה אני, פוקי הוקי הו, ידיים שני לי ייש-לי.

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 98.52%. 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.
- For our topic: *Let's Celebrate* we will be making lots of fun creations using egg boxes. If you have finished egg boxes please send them into school with your child. Thank you very much!

Shabbat Shalom,
The Year 2 Team