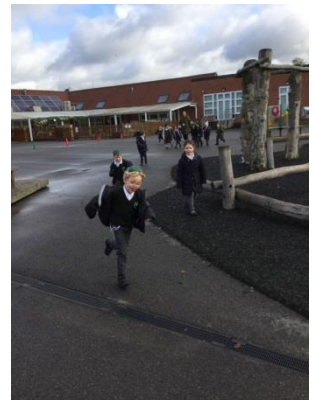


Dear Parents,

Another busy week has flown by! This week we have really focussed on kindness and how our actions affect our friends. We have been working with the book 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. We have read the rhyming story together and saw how Superworm showed kindness and helped his friends and that when he needed help, his friends worked together to help him out. The children loved this story and using the themes of kindness and friendship, they created their own stories on a storyboard. They let their imagination run wild and we had some wonderful creations, with rainbows, unicorns and a hurricane! We also had the junk modelling available (remember if you have any recycling please do not forget to bring it into school – however small-everything is appreciated and used!) and the children were asked to make puppets so that they could tell their stories without writing or drawing, which really unleashed their creative side. The children also continued their learning about Africa Week where we have been learning about all our differences. We looked in a mirror to spot some differences about ourselves. We then read the story of Elmer and created our elephants that were all unique.



Continuing our kindness theme, we looked at Avraham Avinu in our Jewish Studies sessions this week. We learnt that he was the first Jewish man and that he was such a kind and thoughtful man. Hashem told Avraham that he would have as many descendants as there were stars in the sky. We made star biscuits but we did not have a star cookie cutter, so we had to work out ways to make our stars. The children realised that 2 triangles stuck together upside down would make a star so we had lots of shapes being cut out of the dough. As well as this we looked at different styles of writing, recipes (we made our own cookie dough recipe), picture books (we added pictures to our recipe) and chapter books.

We have also learnt 2 new letters – bet and vet. Thank you for completing the sheets that were sent home. A new one has been sent home (we only have bet not vet). We have practised in school the different sounds the letters make and we have made our own actions. Bet has a belly button and whenever we see the letter we say the 'b' sound and touch our bellybuttons. Vet is a 'v' sound and it is very empty. The sheets are changed on a Monday so you have a whole week to complete them.



Our week's attendance was 98.46%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat shalom,

Reception Team