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Dear Parents,

This week was Parliament Week and the children have had the opportunity to participate in Q&A sessions with both Matthew Offord MP and Lord Levy. The children were really fascinated to learn about the structure of Parliament, the appointment and roles of MPs and Lords, the party structure, and the process for law-making. There was also much discussion about current affairs, including this week's appointment of a new Speaker, the forthcoming General Election, and of course Brexit! The children asked some great questions!

Maths

In Maths this week, the children have been completing ever-more complex number sequences (including numbers going below zero) as well as ordering three and four digit numbers.

English

This week, we have continued our focus on expanded noun phrases in descriptive writing. Our focus for spellings has been homophones.

Topic

We have started our new class book for this half term, 'Belonging' by Jeannie Baker. Amongst other aspects, the book focuses on us keeping our environment healthy for another generation. However, the book comprises pictures only. The children are studying the pictures, making inferences from what they see and predicting what they think will happen in the story.

Jewish Studies

This week in Jewish Studies we have been following the lives of Avraham and Sara in our Chumash learning and we learnt that Hashem fulfilled his promise and made Sara pregnant. We also learnt that Avraham was asked to leave his home and family as he believed in Hashem and wanted to do the right thing.

Ivrit

Year 4 carried on with the topic 'Where we live'. The key vocabulary includes: אֵיפֹה אֲנַחְנוּ גָרִים (Eifo anachnu garim – where we live) תַּחְנַת אוֹטוֹבוס (Tachanat otobus – bus stop) עִיר (Ir – city) רְחוֹב (Rechov – street) סִפְרִיָּה (Sifria – library) סוּפֶרֶמַרְקֶט (Supermarket) יִשְׂרָאֵל (Israel) גַּן שְׁעִשׂוּעִים (Gan Shaashuim – playground) בֵּית סֵפֶר (Beit sefer – school) בַּיִת (Bayit – house/home). This week we added a new preposition word: (leyad – near), to help to describe the location of a place.

The class began learning the song אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל שלי Eretz Israel sheli (My Israel) which you can find on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dq1u8BlGJb0>

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 100%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

- Please ensure that your child brings in his or her PE kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please also make a note in the green home liaison book if your child is unable to take part in PE for some reason.
- Library books can be changed each week during our library session on Monday. Please remind your child to bring in his or her library book.
- Please continue to read with your child and ask them questions to develop their comprehension skills.

Shabbat Shalom,
The Year 4 Team