

Dear Parents

Wow what a busy scientific week we have had in Nursery! The children have loved Science Week, especially all the fun experiments we have done. They started off the week by making play dough with cornflour and conditioner, which they said was so soft and fluffy.

On Tuesday the children made slime, with lots of glitter and sequins. They loved how stretchy it was and a few children were surprised that it wasn't as sticky as they thought it would be. This is an activity we will definitely be doing again! **Next week for Chinese New Year we will make red and gold glitter slime.**

In PE this week our focus was on our heart beat and how fast or slow it went depending on the different types of exercise. At one point in the lesson the children were not allowed to stand still, even if they were waiting for a piece of equipment, they would jump, hop and wiggle whilst waiting. The teamwork and support for each other that the teachers saw from the children was fantastic. They encouraged each other to move around the room in different ways and praised each other for new ideas. It made us all very proud. **Next week in PE the children are going to become a giant Chinese dragon, and move around the hall with fabric. They will also move around like the different zodiac animals.**

In Literacy this week, the teachers have been focusing on pencil grip. This has been done through different activities, such as, using tweezers and chop sticks and flipping the pencil round in the children's hands. This is a focus throughout the school year. The children have loved drawing pictures of roads and houses to link with our topic of 'Houses and Homes'. **Please can we ask for pictures of your child's house and their favourite room inside to use for a display and activities coming up in the next few weeks. A reminder has also been sent home in their green books.**

In Maths this week the children have been playing with numbers and Numicon and making towers. The children had to choose a number, match it to the Numicon and make a tower out of blocks to match their chosen number. They all loved this activity and most children chose 5 or more numbers to make! The teachers will continue to work on number recognition with the children, which is something you could also help them with at home. **A fun number activity is getting your child to lay the table and ask them how many forks, plates etc. they need.**

Nursery have started the topic מִשְׁפָּחָה - Family. The class will continue learning this topic throughout this half term. The words for this topic include: מִשְׁפָּחָה (Mishpacha – family), סַבָּא (Saba – grandfather), סַבָּא (Savta – grandmother), אִמָּא (Ima – mum), אָבִא (Aba – dad), יָלֵד (Yeled – boy) & יָלְדָה (Yalda – girl).

The class will learn the song לִי יְקָרָה אִמָּא (Ima yekara li - My dearest mummy). You can find the song on:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ztb4sKeDYVY> or: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ztb4sKeDYVY>

Please join us for our Science Fair which will take place on Monday 20th January from 3pm in hall. Come and see what the children have been doing this week.

Shabbat Shalom

Nursery Team

