

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy and fun week working very hard!

Maths

This week in Maths, the children were introduced to the concept of money. The children explored ordering a range of coins from smallest to largest in value. They also explored the relationship between pence and pounds and how to receive change from notes. We have explored different ways to make a certain amount of money.

English

In English this week, the children have chosen an animal from a habitat to explore in more detail. The children have been compiling information about it using books and resources online. They have begun the planning process of their writing and have explored these areas for their chosen animal:

- Habitat
- Appearance
- Diet
- Life cycle
- Classification
- Interesting facts

We will be writing up our fact files next week.

Other areas of the curriculum

In Science this week, the children have been looking at the different classifications of animals: mammal, reptile, amphibian, fish, bird and insect. The children wrote clear definitions of each and were able to sort animals into the correct categories. In PE this week we continued our work on gymnastics and explored the idea of how to safely jump off different apparatus safely. We also explored printing in Art. The children looked at the work of Andy Warhol and each painted on the same template of his famous painting: Flowers. We compiled this together and created a beautiful display in the classroom to showcase their talents. We have also begun to differentiate between a village, city and town in geography.

Jewish Studies

Year 2 enjoyed learning higher numbers in their Gematria (Hebrew numerical) lessons this week. They also made a lovely display in preparation for Tu Bishvat. The children have drawn and made a collage of the seven special species that grow in Israel.

Ivrit

This week Year 2 carried on the topic of 'Colours' as preparation to the topic 'Clothes'. The names of the colours are: כָּחול (Kachol – blue), חָמֶה (Chum – brown), כָּתוּם (Katom – orange) אֲפֹר (Afor – grey), שָׁחֹר (Shachor – black), אָדוּם (Adom – red), יָרוֹק (Yarok – green), סָגוֹל (Sagol – purple), וָרוֹד (Varod – pink), לָבָן (Lavan – white), צָהוֹב (Tzahov – yellow) and תְּכֵלֶת (Tchelet – turquoise).

The class will be learning the song הַצֵּבַע נ' וְלֵד כָּךְ:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VT1R37o-d3I>

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 98.21%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Please ensure that your child brings in his or her PE kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This needs to happen every week.
- 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.
- A reminder that home learning is collected in on Wednesdays, please remind your child to hand in their home learning.

The Parent Online Safety workshop is on Wednesday 5th February 2020. This is an important event to attend and will give you valuable, up to date information about how to keep you children safe online. Please advise the School Office of your attendance. Classes with the most parent attending will receive extra break time as a reward!

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 2 Team