

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy and fun week concluding our work on our topic 'The Earth Our Home' and celebrating Go Green week as well as Tu Bishvat.

Maths

In Maths this week, the children have continued to work on 2-D and 3-D shapes. We began the week by exploring different 3-D shapes and what each of these shapes had in common with others. We explored the terminology of the different faces and categorised them into rectangular faces and circular faces. We then explored the classroom searching for different 3-D shapes and the 2-D shapes that can be found within them. We also explored symmetry and looked at how we can find a line of symmetry in different shapes and objects. We concluded our learning this half-term by using our Maths skills across a range of different topics to solve the problem of finding a missing tiara and answering questions to find the culprit.

English

In English this week, the children have worked incredibly hard on writing up their own fact files on different animals. Through talk for learning the children work together as a team to ensure that it included a range of different grammatical features. We began the week by writing a clear introduction to identify and explain the habitat these animals belong to and the children were tasked with including question marks, description and expanded noun phrases confidently within this paragraph.

Other areas of the curriculum

In Science this week, the children have been learning how to identify objects that are alive, objects that have never been alive and objects that used to be alive. The children have been looking at the features of each of these categories. In Computing the children have looked at how to program a beatbox to travel around the room.

Jewish Studies

The children all really enjoyed celebrating Tu Bishvat with a fruit party on Monday and tried a variety of fruits while making their brachot beautifully. This week we learnt new Hebrew reading rules through songs and games. We have also been working hard on reading and writing the script letters and are now up to Samech.

Ivrit

This week Year 2 carried on learning the names of the seven species – שבעת המינים (shivat haminim) of Israel: חיטה (chita) wheat, שעורה (seora) barley, גפן (gefen) grape vine, תאנה (te'ena) fig, רימון (rimon) pomegranate, זית (za'it) olive and תמר (tamar) date. They are also revisiting the songs 'Eretz chita' and 'Eretz zavav chakav udvash'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjFPzN6oGE8>

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 94.64%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- 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.

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 2 Team