

Dear Parents,

The children have been excited and engaged with their new topic 'Scavengers and Settlers'. It was great to share the research that the children have already done!

### **Maths**

In Maths, the children tackled fractions! The children had already begun to look at the idea that the fraction is part of a whole. The children found fractions equivalent to a whole. They used stem sentences to articulate what one whole was the same as. The children also looked at tenths. They learnt and discussed what a tenth represents and how many tenths make one whole. They represented this in many different ways.

### **English**

In English, the children were introduced to their new class book 'UG- Boy Genius from the Stone Age'. The focus for this week was predicting and inferring what the story was about from looking at the main characters and the front cover. The children also thought about and wrote their impressions of the main characters by looking at their facial expressions and body language.

### **Other areas of the curriculum**

The children were introduced to their new topic Scavengers and Settlers. A discussion took place about when the Stone Age was and about what people would have looked like during that time. The children discussed what their family members might have looked like in the Stone Age, referring to them as their ancestors.

The children also looked at rocks and their uses. They learnt about man made and the three types of natural rock (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic). They then had the chance to define these terms and group different rocks into man-made and natural rock categories.

### **Jewish Studies**

The children have started learning the Purim story and the 4 Mitzvot of Purim. They learnt that Queen Esther hid her identity as a Jewish woman which ultimately saved the Jewish people from a terrible decree. They have learnt the reasons behind the 4 Mitzvot of Purim and they are also starting to plan their designs for our Mishloach Manot baskets.

### **Ivrit**

Year 3 carried on learning the topic **שְׁלִי הַמִּשְׁפָּחָה** – My family, combined with a new subtopic: Preposition. The words for this topic include:

**מִשְׁפָּחָה** (Mishpacha – family), **סָבָא** (Saba – grandfather), **סַבְתָּא** (Savta – grandmother), **אִמָּא** (Ima – mum), **אָבָא** (Aba – dad), **גְּדוֹל אַח** (Ach gadol – big brother), **קָטָן אַח** (Ach katan – little brother), **אָחוֹת גְּדוֹלָה** (Achat gdola – big sister), **קָטָנָה אָחוֹת** (Achat ktana – little sister), **זֶה מִי?** (Mi ze? – who is it? Masculine), **זֵאת מִי?** (Mi zot? – who is it? Feminine), **לִי אֵין** (Ein li – I don't have), **לִי יֵשׁ** (Yesh li – I do have), **דּוֹד** (Dod – uncle), **דּוֹדָה** (Doda – aunt), **בֶּן דּוֹד** (Ben dod – cousin, masculine), **בַּת דּוֹדָה** (Bat doda – cousin, feminine).

The new preposition words the class will cover are: **לְיָד**, **בֵּין**, **עַל**, **מִתַּחַת**, **לִפְנֵי**, **אֲחֵרִי** which means: behind, in front, under, on, between and near.

The class will learn the song **הורים בשני התחיל זה** which you can find here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2\\_0EKcWOJ-0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_0EKcWOJ-0)

As well as the song **סולם יש שלי לאבא** which you can find at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNmI5WDweyU>

And the song **לי יקרה אמא** which you can find here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ztb4sKeDYVY>

### **Things to do at home**

- Please make sure that your child is practising their times tables, especially the 4 and 8 times tables which we have been learning this year. There are some additional times table games on <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables> to assist your child with their times table learning. TT Rockstars is also a great resource.
- Next week is Book week. The children will be writing an adaptation of a traditional tale. They will be getting to know the story and then making small changes and re-writing. It would be good to talk through how they could change other familiar tales.

### **Reminders**

- The attendance this week was 97.04%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Please ensure that your child brings in his or her PE kit on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.
- Library books can be changed each week during our library session on **Wednesday**. Please remind your child to bring in his or her library book.
- School reading books will be changed on a **Monday and Thursday**. Please continue to read with your child and ask them questions to develop their comprehension skills.
- Please remind the children to bring in books for the book swap by **NEXT TUESDAY**.

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 3 Team