

Dear Parents,

This week we launched the new topic, "Fairgrounds".

English – We continued reading our class book "Floodland". We focused on chapter 3 where William told Zoe a story similar to the greek myth about Daedalus and Icarus. So this week we worked on the skills of summarising a text and drawing comparisons between stories and thought about why William told Zoe this story. We used Point, Evidence, Explain to answer questions about the text. We also looked at the poem "Dr Foster went to Gloucester" which William talked about, and wrote our own stories based on the poem. Our spelling focus for the week was the language of possibility eg *frequently, immediately, definitely* and *possibly*.

Maths – This week we have been looking at fractions and their decimal equivalents and have been calculating percentages of amounts. We solved problems about percentages.

Topic – This week we have learnt about the art of Fred Fowle a fairground artist who uses striking 3D lettering to create images on Fairground rides. We will be using this style to create our own art work for Purim next week. We have also been exploring and comparing maps of theme parks. In science we have started to think about how the sense of sight effects our experiences of a fairground. We researched how we see and drew labelled diagrams of the eye.

JS – In Jewish Studies we learnt about the last bracha of the Amidah and we then wrote the Amidah as a recipe, thinking about the ingredients as well as the methods that goes into 'mixing' it. It was lovely to see some very creative work from everyone. We also started to prepare for Purim and children were given a focus pasuk of each chapter about which they started writing a playscript. Once all the scripts are completed, we plan to act out our Purim story as a class.

Ivrit – This week year 6 has started a new topic about - חיות (animals). The class will carry on learning the topic for this half term. The key words are: צב, (Tzav – turtle) צבים, (Tzavim – turtles) כָּלֵב, (Kelev – dog) כלבים, (Klavim – dogs) חתול, (Chatul – cat) חתולים, (Chatulim – cats) סוס, (Sus – horse) סוסים, (Susim – horses) תרנגול, (Tarnegol – cockerel) תרנגולים, (Tarnegolim – chickens) נחש, (Nachash – snake) נחשים, (Nechashim – snakes) ארנב, (Arnav – rabbit) ארנבים, (Arnavim – rabbits) דג, (Dag – fish) דגים, (Dagim – fish, plural) אוגר, (Oger – hamster) אוגרים, (Ogrim – hamsters) חיות, (Chaiot – animals) מעונה, (Meuna – kennel) גירפה, (Arie – lion) אריה, (Pil – elephant) פיל, (Pinat hachai – animal corner) החי פינת, (Girafa – giraffe) היפופוטם, (Hipopotam – hippo) זברה, (Zebra – zebra)

The class is learning the song משה לדוד חווה הייתה which you can find here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLWVxMVKxj8&list=RDVLWVxMVKxj8&start_radio=1

As well as the song **ישראלית ילדות! הופ הקטן השפן**

which you can find here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qH8J3gZ-gl&list=RDVLWVxMVKxj8&index=2>

And the song **השוקה לי אצא** which you can find here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfZBO3SZrpE>

Next week is Book week. Our focus is traditional tales and we will be focusing on the story of Rumpelstiltskin by the Brothers Grimm. Please remember to send in books for the book swap if you haven't already done so and please join us for the family reading session on Wednesday morning.

Reminders The children should be reading their scheme books out loud every evening. Please ask them comprehension questions about the text they are reading and date and sign the blue diary each time. The children should also be reading their 'home' books as well. The school library books can be changed or renewed on Mondays or in Library Club on Wednesdays.

Please continue to use Magic Spell, Mathletics and TTRockstars at home.

Please ensure your child has their blue diary each day. If they are being collected by someone else to usual, this must be recorded in the diary on the day.

All boys need a spare kippah in their tray and all children need a non-uniform cap in their tray too.

Children should be bringing in PE kits on Tuesdays and **Wednesdays**. They should bring their school uniform in their PE bag to change into after PE.

Our week's attendance was 96.30%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

Mrs Osborne, Mrs Benton and the Year 6 team