

Dear Parents,

This week Year 2 have been working very hard and have been very productive!

Maths

In Maths this week we have been concluding our work on place value. We looked at tens and ones in two-digit numbers. The children explored this through a range of different resources. They also explored the language 'greater than' and 'less than' and have been using these terms to compare and order numbers. The children worked on representing numbers in different ways and have strengthened their understanding of writing numbers in numerals.

English

In English we have continued our work on 'Traction Man' by Mimi Grey. Our focus this week has been on describing Traction Man and predicting his magical powers. The children used an illustration to support their learning. They have also been looking at questions and exclamation marks and how to apply these correctly to different contexts.

Other areas of the curriculum

This week the children have continued their work on our topic 'The Magic Toymaker' and have explored materials in more detail. The children have been exploring different ways to describe objects and categorise them. The children did this through exploring a range of different toys. They began by comparing and describing them and then categorised them into a range of different groups. This week the children joined in the 2-minute silence on Remembrance Day. We explored what this meant and went into detail to understand the First World War. The children wrote acrostic poems about poppies and the contribution of young soldiers. They have also been working on their observation skills through drawing a teddy bear. The children have also reflected on how to improve their own drawings.

Jewish Studies

As it is Mitzvah Day 2020 on Sunday, the children in Year Two wrote letters for people in the Mill Hill community who are isolating or who need to be cheered up. We are delivering the cards to Mill Hill shul and they will distribute them to relevant people on Sunday. We also spoke about the importance of prayer; we see from the Parashah that Eliezer, who was the servant of Avraham, prays to Hashem to help him to find the right wife for Yitzchak. We explained that people all over the world pray to Hashem for His help when they are in need.

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Year 2 carried on with the topic of מזג האוויר (Mezeg Ha avir- the weather). Our new vocabulary includes: גשם (Geshem – rain) ענן (Anan – cloud) קשת (Keshet – rainbow) שמש (Shemesh – sun) ברק (Barak – lightning) מעט עננים (Me'at ananim – little clouds) שלג (Sheleg – snow) חם (Cham – hot) קר (Kar – cold) הרבה עננים (Harbe ananim – a lot of clouds) גשם קל (Geshem kal – light rain) גשם חזק (Geshem chazak – heavy rain) עננים (Ananim – clouds) מעונן (Meunan – cloudy) קיץ (Kaitz – summer) אביב (Aviv – spring) חורף (Choref – winter) סתו (Stav – Autumn) learnt to say מה המזג איר (today there is sun) היום יש שמש (today there are no clouds) היום אין גשם (What is the weather today?) היום אין גשם (today there is no rain).

The class will be learning the song מֵזֶג הָאָוִיר (Mezeg Ha avir- the weather)) which you can find on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8IF3zwzOGI>

Things to do at home

- Please continue to read with your child and ask them questions to develop their comprehension skills. Remember you can upload videos to the folder on Seesaw 'English Reading at Home'. This way I can comment on their abilities and respond with follow up questions.
- Review the Year 1 and 2 Common Exception words that can be found on the school website.
- Your child has a list of usernames for a range of different websites that can support their learning at home.

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 99.26%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- School reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday.
- A reminder that English home learning is collected in on Wednesdays, please remind your child to hand in their home learning.
- A reminder that JS home learning is collected in on Tuesdays, please remind your child to hand in their home learning.
- Home learning this week has been sent home with your child, a video has been uploaded to Seesaw to support their learning. It can be found in the folder 'Home Learning Explained'.

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 2 Team