

Dear Parents,

English

In English, the children have been learning the structure of an autobiography. This has been explored through researching either Flora Sandes or Jack Cornwell on the schools iPad's and computers and creating a fact file, drawing a story board based on their soldier from their early life through to their later years, acting out 'scenes' from their soldiers life and finally writing an autobiography.

Maths

In Maths, the children have revisited 4-digit numbers and started to order and compare numbers. To do this, the children were given numbers and ordered themselves in ascending order. They also revisited finding 10, 100 and 1000 more and less from a given number and rounded numbers to the closest 10, 100 and 1000.

Heads Up

The class enjoyed a new Heads Up lesson, remembering all of the ways they learnt about emotional literacy last year. They worked together to clear the classroom and create a circle of chairs and put a gem stone in the jar, explaining what they noticed about working together.

PE

The class learnt new playground games in PE which they can use during break and lunch playtimes. They also discussed how they can show respect in PE by exploring sportsmanship and what this means.

Science

The children worked in pairs to construct a simple series circuit using wires, crocodile clips, bulbs, bulb holders, batteries and battery holders. They then explored the function of switches and reasoned why they chose certain materials to create their switch. They then tested the effectiveness of their switches by adding them into their circuits and testing if the bulb would turn on and off when they opened and closed their switch.

Jewish Studies

The children have been following the lives of Avraham and Lot in their Chumash lessons. They have come to understand there these was a dispute and they are waiting to discover how it will be resolved. They have also been practising their Hebrew reading and translation.

Ivrit

Year 4 started the topic **איפה אֲנַחְנו גָּרִים** - 'Where we live'. The class will be learning about this topic for this half term. The key vocabulary includes: **איפה אֲנַחְנו גָּרִים** (Eifo anachnu garim – where we live) **תַּחֲנַת אוֹטוֹבוס** (Tachanat otobus – bus stop) **עִיר** (Ir – city) **רְחוֹב** (Rechov – street) **סִפְרִיָּה** (Sifria – library) **סוּפֶרֶמַרְקֵט** (Supermarket) **יִשְׂרָאֵל** (Israel) **גֵּן שְׂעָשׂוּעִים** (Gan Shaashuim – playground) **בֵּית סֵפֶר** (Beit sefer – school) **בַּיִת** (Bayit – house/home).

The class began learning the song **ארץ ישראל שלי** Eretz Israel sheli (My Israel) which you can find on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dq1u8BlGJb0>

Next week is road safety and anti-bullying week:

In English, the children will be learning about Esther Rantzen.

In Maths, the class will be revising partitioning and addition.

In Science, the children will be testing materials in a simple series circuit to test if they are conductors or insulators.

In Jewish Studies, the children will learn how the dispute between Avram and Lot was solved in their Chumash learning.

Things to do at home

- Read with your child and sign their diary.
- Practise the times tables.

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 97.31%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Check the green book every day for any messages.

- Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school: black tracksuit bottoms, PE jumper, **white socks**, white trainers, black plimsoles. Girls with pierced ears must have tape.
- Library books can be changed each week during our library session using a 'Click and Collect' service on Monday. Please remind your child to bring in their library book.
- School reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday.

Points to note:

- The children must have in school: A clear named plastic wallet with pencils, coloured pencils, felt tips pens, a whiteboard pen, a ruler, sharpener, rubber, a pair of scissors, a protractor, a yellow highlighter and a large, 43g, Pritt Stick glue (no other make). A message will be written in the green book if they have lost or run out of an item.

Shabbat Shalom

Miss Roberts, Mrs Braham and the Year 4 Team