

Dear Parents,

The children have been coming into the classroom so nicely every day. As it has been Friendship Week, we have been learning about different ways for us to be kind to our friends. We had our secret friends this week and made some posters for our friends.



During table-top, we have been practising our number formation and recognising numerals up to 7. We have also been practising our handwriting and making words with our Phonics sounds. We have been focusing on our story we have been reading and making our own spaceships using the construction. We have also been building our own alien towers out of the cubes.

We have been practising our story telling skills by making our own storyboards. These are story sequences using arrows and pictures to describe the story. We have also started to label our work which could have been as simple as having just one sound from the word (for example, writing a 'd' for dog). We have been learning our numbers bonds up to 7. We have used a 10-frame to help us count up to seven and then counting the white squares to see how many more counters we need. We have been making lots of alien planets using all the junk modelling we are so lucky to receive (thank-you!). We have been learning so much!

During Phonics we have now learnt all our Set 1 sounds which have been sent home with the children. This week we learnt ng, nk, z, qu and x. The children are making lovely progress with their sounds and please continue to practise all the sounds at home and allowing them to blend the sounds to make words. It's really helpful if the children are constantly exposed to sounds in words.



In Jewish Studies this week we have continued our Aleph Bet learning. We have stuck with vet because we concentrated on bet last week and it is important for the children to revise topics. Bet and vet are twins and this ties in nicely with our Parasha of the week: Toldot. The Parasha has the story of the birth of Esav and Yaakov, who are twins as well. We have also been discussing friendship and connecting it to the Parasha, realising that arguing never helps anyone and we should all work together to achieve great things.

This week Reception carried on learning how to count in Ivrit. They are learning the following numbers: אחת (Achat – one), שתיים (Shtayim – two), שלוש (Shalosh – three), ארבע (Arba – four), חמש (Chamesh – five), שש (Shesh – six), שבע (Sheva – seven), שמונה (Shmone – eight), תשע (Tesda – nine), עשר (Eser – ten).

The class started learning the song רחוב סומסום- 12 פרות משה יצאו לפיקניק (Shteim esrei parot moshe yatzu lepicnic – 12 ladybirds went for a picnic) which you can find on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZLcFNGQdAg>

Our week's attendance was 99.20%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96 %.

Shabbat shalom,

Reception Team