

Dear Parents,

Year 1 have had a fantastic week. They enjoyed having a day of no writing for 'No Pens Day' where we explored many other ways to learn and record our learning.

Literacy

In English the children continued to look at the class book Knuffle Bunny. They received a reply from 'Daddy' thanking the children for their notes but unfortunately it was too late and Knuffle Bunny was put in the washing machine. They thought and wrote about what Trixie might have said and how she might have felt. As Trixie is a baby and can't talk, the children predicted what she might have said instead. The children were also 'hot seated' in the role of Daddy and asked him questions about why they think Trixie was upset and how he felt. The children also practised forming the letters e, l, h, r, j.

Maths

In Maths the children continued with subtraction. They learnt that another word for subtract is minus or take away. They used a number line to count back to subtract. For example, 7-3. The children found this a little tricky but it helped them to understand the concept of subtracting. They also learnt that subtracting is the same as finding the difference. They used cubes to work out the difference between numbers up to 10. They wrote this as a sentence of 'the difference between ____ and ____ is. Visuals really helped the children with this.

Jewish Studies

This week we have started learning about Chanukah and discussed some of the laws of lighting the Chanukiah. The children have also learnt some new Chanukah songs in Hebrew and English. In the parashah we discussed that Leah calls her fourth son Yehudah - to thank Hashem for giving her four sons. We have many opportunities every day to say thank you to Hashem, when we say our Tefillot for example. Let's use these times to think about what we are saying and to thank Hashem for what we have.

Ivrit

This week Year 1 carried on with the topic of Shabbat. The key words of the topic are: שַׁבָּת, יוֹן, נְרוֹת, חֲלָה/וֹת, נְרוֹת הַבְּדֻלָּה, מִפָּה/וֹת, שְׁלֵחַן/וֹת, פָּרוֹחַ/יִם, בְּסֻמִּים, כֶּפֶה, טְלִית, בּוֹס/וֹת, שֻׁבַּת נְשָׁלוֹם, אוֹהֶב/ת, אֶכֶּל/ת, אוֹמֵר/ת, נֶשֶׁר/ה, נְטִים מְאוּד (Shabbat, wine, candles, Chalot, Havdalah, table cloth, table, flowers, spices, Kippa, Talit, cups, Shabbat Shalom, love, say, sing, very nice). Year 1 began learning the songs 'Shabbat Shalom' and 'Shavua Tov'.

Other Areas

The children began the week looking at the story of Smartie the Penguin. Smartie encountered some problems with his new iPad and didn't know what to do. We spoke about talking to an adult if something strange appears and that is exactly what Smartie did. The children created short plays pretending to be Smartie and Mummy and Daddy penguin. They also looked at different puppets (including the famous puppets Punch and Judy) and created their own glove puppets using felt, ribbon, buttons and fabric paint.

Ideas for things you could do at home

- 1) Practise adding to 10 and 20
- 2) Practise subtracting up to 10
- 3) Ask your child what other words they know that mean the same as subtraction
- 4) Show your child different puppets and toys and see if they can name the materials
- 5) Talk about online safety with your child. How can they be safe online?
- 6) Look at the letters e, l, h, r, j and make sure that your child is forming them correctly
- 7) Please read the Hebrew letters and initial each page your child has read.

Reminders

Please remember to send in library books on **Mondays** as this is the day the children can choose new ones.

We are now changing phonics books on Fridays instead of Thursday.

If you haven't already, please refresh your child's pencil case. This is what the children should 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 and a large, 43g, Pritt Stick glue (no other make).

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When the school day is over and you are waiting in school, please make sure your child isn't using the playground equipment.

Our week's attendance was 98.08%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

Miss Rich and Rabbi Herman