

Dear Parents,

Maths

In Maths this week we have been concluding our work on addition. The children have learnt how to add two 2-digits numbers. We have been exploring this through adding the tens and adding the ones separately before adding the total. The children have also explored the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction. They have learnt how to write the four different abstract calculations from a part whole model. It has been lovely watching the children expand their mathematical terminology.

English

In English this week the children have learnt about co-ordinate conjunctions. The children have learnt how these conjunctions link two sentences together. The children have applied this to writing sentences about a range of different things. The children have also moved to the next stage with their Traction Man writing. They have used their plans and supporting wordmats to write their narratives on Traction Man. The children have reviewed their work, and explored how they could improve it based on the success criteria. They have also started the process of redrafting their work. They will be going on display, and when completed a version will be uploaded to Seesaw for you to see!

Other areas of the curriculum

In History this week, the children have continued their work on chronological order. They have been placing events into chronological order and have been applying this skill to events in their lives. In Science, the children have been investigating different materials to explore which is most suitable to use to make a bath toy. In Geography, the children have continued their work on maps and have made a map of the classroom.

Jewish Studies

This week in Jewish Studies, Year Two have been busy making their own kosher clay Chanukiot, they have also learnt all about the different customs of Chanukah and the reasons why we play the dreidle game. The children have enjoyed a week full of songs and a wide range of Chanukah activities.

Ivrit

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 (What is the weather today?) יש שמש (today there is sun) אין עננים (today there are no clouds) אין גשם (today there is no rain).

The class will be learning the song מזג האוויר (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.
- Each week as a class we will be reviewing and learning a new handwriting join. To support you at home with revising these joins, I have uploaded videos demonstrating these joins to Seesaw. These can be found in the folder 'Handwriting Teaching Videos'.

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 98.52%. 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.
- Library books are to be brought into school on Wednesdays. Your child will receive a new one on Thursdays.
- Pencil cases – please refresh these over half term so the children have everything they need. 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).
Children in KS2 should also have a yellow highlighter.

We are coming up to the Chanukah Door Competition and Year 2 are eager to win. We will be decorating our door to relate to our learning on Traction Man and materials. To help ensure we are rightful winners, if you have any old clothes that you would like to donate to the cause, these would be gratefully received.

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 2 Team