

Dear Parents,

This has been an exciting week getting ready for Chanukah and starting the celebrations on Thursday!

Maths

In Maths this week we have concluded our work on addition. The children have learnt how to add two 2-digits numbers when crossing over ten. This has been a new concept for all children and has been a bit of a challenge. However, the children have done a tremendous job! We looked at this through using a 100 square and also through adding the tens and ones separately abstractly. The children have also been reviewing adding two 2-digit numbers and showing their workings clearly.

English

In English this week the children have been redrafting their writing. They have been focusing on applying their joins and including their corrections. These will be going on display, and when completed a version will be uploaded to Seesaw for you to see! We have also been looking at the Zones of Regulation and the terminology we can use to describe feelings in the different zones.

Other areas of the curriculum

In History this week, the children have been looking at old toys. We explored different Jack-in-the-Boxes from different periods of time. The children explored these and discussed the materials they were made of. They then worked very hard on their fine motor skills to make pop up Jack-in-the Boxes. In Art and DT the children have been looking at a range of materials and have been using these to create a material collage of Traction Man. The children created our Chanukah door based on this theme and created paper aeroplanes and posters for our door.

Jewish Studies

This week we have learnt what a kosher Chanukiah looks like and how we light it. We now know all the letters on the sevivon and what they symbolise. We are progressing well with our Aleph Champ activities and are becoming more fluent. The school have enjoyed celebrating Chanukah with candle lighting each day, eating doughnuts on Thursday kindly provided by the PSA and hearing Rabbi Shochet deliver his Chanukah message to the school.

Ivrit

This week Year 2 learnt about Chanukah. We have practiced our sentences using these words: לְבִיבָה (Leviva- latke), לְבִיבוֹת (Levivot- latkes), סוּפִּגְנִיָּה (Sufgania – doughnut), סוּפִּגְנִיּוֹת (Sufganiot – doughnuts), אוֹכֵל (Ochel – eating, male), אוֹכֵלֶת (Ochelet – eating, female), אוֹהֵב (Ohev – love, masculine), אוֹהֶבֶת (Ohevet – love, feminine), רוֹאֶה (Roe – see, masculine), רוֹאֶה (Roa – see, feminine).

The class was excited to learn a new song for Chanukah נֶר לִי נֶר לִי (Ner li ner li – candle for me, candle for me) which you can find on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8zuD9zylxU>

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 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.
- Library books are to be brought into school on Wednesdays. You 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.
- Don't forgot to have a look at the PSA website to look at the bear which we are trying to name.

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 2 Team