

Dear Parents,

We have had an exciting week preparing for Chanukah.

### **English**

The children started learning from the book 'The Tinderbox', originally written by Hans Christian Anderson. They first looked at the image of the soldier and discussed what they thought the story was going to be about. They then read more of the story, learning about the witch that the soldier killed and discussing their opinions on this part of the story.

### **Maths**

This week, the children revised multiplication. They looked at multiples of different numbers, as well as revising the use of arrays. They learnt the concept of calculations being 'commutative', meaning that the numbers can be swapped over but the answers will stay the same. They also took part in an activity to use multiplication to scale a recipe.

### **Science**

In Science this week the children completed their topic of electricity by creating circuits and developing their knowledge of the components and their symbols.

### **Jewish Studies**

This week in Jewish Studies the children have been learning the story of Chanukah and the Maccabees. We learnt about the miracle of the battle and the miracle of the bottle. The children finished making their Chanukiot and are excited to light them for Chanukah.

### **Ivrit**

Year 4 carried on with the topic **איפה אנחנו גרים** - 'Where we live'. The key vocabulary includes: **איפה אנחנו גרים** (Eifo anachnu garim – where we live) **תחנת אוטובוס** (Tachanat otobus – bus stop) **עיר** (Ir – city) **רחוב** (Rechov – street) **ספרייה** (Sifria – library) **סופרמרקט** (Supermarket) **ישראל** (Israel) **גן שעשועים** (Gan Shaashuim – playground) **בית ספר** (Beit sefer – school) **בית** (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=Dq1u8BIGJb0>

### **Next week:**

In English, the children will be continuing looking at the text 'The Tinderbox' by Hans Christian Anderson.

In Maths, the class will be continuing to revise multiplication and division.

In Jewish Studies the children will be learning how to spin the dreidel and will participate in lots of Chanukah activities.

### **Things to do at home**

- Read with your child and sign their diary – without a signature to say they have read the book, we won't be able to change them.
- Practise the times tables.

### **Reminders**

- The attendance this week was 99.62%. 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 plimsolls. 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.
- Please make sure your child does not play on the equipment before or after school.
- Please remember to enter the PSA Name the Bear Competition and the raffle.

### **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.
- In these dark early evenings, please can students be reminded of how to stay safe and where possible:
  - Walk on main roads

- Keep to well-lit routes home
- Walk in a group or with a friend
- Tell a trusted adult if they feel unsafe

Shabbat Shalom

Miss Roberts, Mrs Braham and the Year 4 Team