

Dear Parents,

Year 1 have really enjoyed their new topic 'Our World'. They also had a great time learning about Israel and celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut.

### Literacy

In English the children started learning with their new book '10 Things I can do to Help My World'. The children had a long discussion about ways they can help the world and how they can show that they love their world. They wrote and recorded these and shared their suggestions. The children then listened to the book being read aloud. They thought about what more they would like to know about the world through asking questions. For example, how is paper made from trees? They discussed these questions and thought about where they might be able to find this out. The children also revised question words and question marks.

### Maths

In Maths the children were introduced to weight and mass. They grouped the different objects into heavy and light using the mathematical vocabulary to describe them. They then compared the different objects using the words heavier than and lighter than. They compared different objects around the classroom. The children also used the measuring scales and compared different objects based on how they looked on the scales.

### Jewish Studies

This week in Jewish Studies we have been practicing hard for our Chagigat HaSiddur. We also commemorated Yom Hazikaron with an assembly and lit memorial candles with a minute's silence. We celebrated Yom Ha'tzmaut with a day filled with activities to remember Israel's Birthday. The children had fun creating maps of Israel singing Ivrit songs and having an Israeli themed lunch!

**A small reminder, this year's Chagigat Hasiddur parent ceremony is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please save this date in your diaries.**

### Ivrit

This week Year 1 learnt to say אחר צהריים טובים - achar tzahara'im tovim (Good afternoon) שמש – shemesh (sun), ים – yam (sea), מדבר – midbar (desert), דגל – degel (flag), זה ze (that is – male), זאת zot (that is – female). Year 1 began learning the song כחול ולבן זה צבע שלי - Kachol velavan [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M\\_MpzEgWL5Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_MpzEgWL5Y). They also carried on learning the song איפה העוגה? Eifo ha'uga (Where is the cake?) which you can find on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTDDPz69w7I>.

### Things you can do at home with your child

- Practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Practice and revise number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Use mathematical vocabulary with your child: heavier than, lighter than, as heavy as
- Practice letter formation (this can be done with play dough, writing in the air, on a whiteboard) – look back at the handwriting videos on Seesaw for support
- Practice listening games with your child such as 'Simon Says' to improve their listening skills
- Read, read, read! You can record your child reading for Seesaw and I can ask some follow up questions. Additionally, there are usually some comprehension, vocabulary, prediction questions at the front of your child's reading book
- Give your child opportunities to develop the fine motor skills necessary for pencil control with activities such as rolling dough, using tweezers to pick up small objects such as buttons, beans and pieces of pasta, using Hama Beads.
- Next week, we will be looking and learning about the Census. You can start to talk to your child about what this is

### Reminders

- Please remember to send in library books on **Mondays** as this is the day the children can choose new ones.
- English reading books are changed on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.
- We are changing phonics books on **Fridays**.

- When the school day is over and you are waiting in school, please make sure your child isn't using the playground equipment.
- Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform (for PE as well), if you are unsure please check the uniform list.
- Tzedakah is collected every Friday and it would be wonderful if children could bring some in or if you could donate using ParentPay.

Our week's attendance was 99.26%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

Miss Rich, Rabbi Herman and the Year 1 team