

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely having the children back this week!

Maths

In Maths this week the children have been consolidating shape work. The children have been working hard to name, identify and count different 2D shapes. We have also begun our work on identifying the properties of different 3D shapes. The children have been introduced to the language of edges, faces and vertex.

English

In English this week the children have been introduced to our new class book: The Secret Sky Garden. We have focused on the image on the first page and the children have been asking questions about the scene and discussing what is wrong with the environment. The children have also been looking at writing descriptions based on everything that we have learnt so far within the SPAG curriculum. We have already begun to have a discussion about littering and the class are excited to make a video to explain what we can do next week.

Other areas of the curriculum

This week they learnt about primary and secondary colours. The class created colour wheels and mixed the primary colours themselves to create the secondary colours. This week in science we have been looking at classifying animals. The children have reviewed the different classifications and have made posters to describe them. The class have also been able to locate the different continents and oceans on earth using Google Earth and maps to support them.

Jewish Studies

This week we commemorated Yom Hazikaron with an assembly and lit memorial candles with a minute's silence. We celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut with a day filled with activities to remember Israel's Birthday. The children had fun creating maps of Israel singing and dancing with Ivrit songs, drawing the map of Israel and creating their own Israeli flag.

Ivrit

This week Year 2 wished each other יוֹם הולדת שמח - Happy Birthday (Yom Huledet Same'ach) and יוֹם עצמאות שמח - Happy Independent Day (Yom Atzma'ut Same'ach) for Yom Ha'atzmaut. They learnt to say for the Yom Ha'atzmaut: דָּגֵל - flag (degel), יִשְׂרָאֵל - Israel (Yisrael), כָּחוֹל - blue (kachol), לָבָן - white (lavan), פִּיטָה - pitta, חוֹמוֹס - Hummus, פֶּלֶאפֶּל - falafel, סָלַט - salad (salat), עוגה - cake (uga), יוֹם הולדת - birthday cake (Ugat Yom Huledet) & מִסִּבָּה - party (mesiba). They created sentences with the following grammar/structure words: עִם - with (im), וְ - and (ve), יֵשׁ לִי - I have (yesh li), אֵין לִי - I don't have (ein li), אֲנִי - I am (ani), אַתָּה - you [f] (at), אַתָּה - you [m] (ata), רואה - seeing [f] (ro'ah), רואה - seeing [m] (ro'eh), אוֹכֵל - eating [m] (ochel), אוֹכֵלֶת - eating [f] (ochelet), אוֹהֵב - love [m] (ohev), אוֹהֶבֶת - love [f] (ohevet).

Year 2 learnt the songs: איפה העוגה? Eifo ha'uga (Where is the cake?), היום היום - Today there is a Birthday (Hayom yom huledt), כחול ולבן זה צבע שלי - Blue & white are my colours (Kachol velavan ze hatzeva sheli) and the song הדגל שלי הוא כחול ולבן and sing them at your Yom Ha'atzmaut party at

home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTm0uTGIMbY> and
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nbLonF6txI> and
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_MpzEgWL5Y and
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCdaQ7Mtpho>

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.
- Please encourage your child to upload reading videos to Seesaw. I will review these weekly and leave follow up questions to help develop your child's comprehension skills.

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 100%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- School reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday.
- Year Two had a very busy week writing and illustrating their Haggadot and practising songs and Brachot for the Pesach Seder. The children designed a special Pesach craft to share with you on Seder night. They worked hard to make it special to take home. 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.
- Your child does not need to bring in a pencil case.
- Please remind your child to bring in their Green Liaison Book each day.
- Tzedakah is collected every Friday and it would be wonderful if children could bring some in or if you could donate using ParentPay

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 2 Team