

Dear Parents,

Year 1 have enjoyed learning about the environment and 'Our World'. They also enjoyed a very special cricket workshop from a professional cricket player from Middlesex. They enjoyed learning and playing!

Literacy

In English the children continued to explore the book '10 Things I Can Do to Help My World'. They began the week by exploring what recycling is and why we need to recycle. The children used the book for research and explored other websites to understand more about it. The children were then told that over the next few weeks they were going to be making conservation posters to let the rest of the school know how and why we should save the world. They explored posters that have already been made and what makes a good poster.

Maths

In Maths the children continued to look at weight and mass. The children used non standardised units to weigh different objects. They used full sentences to describe the mass of different objects. For example, the mass of my pencil case is about 8 cubes or units. Then they also had a try at guessing/estimating the mass of the object before they weighed it. They used their knowledge of heavier than and lighter than to assist them with the weighing. The children also spent their 'Magical Maths' sessions practising their number bonds to 20 and playing various counting games.

Jewish Studies

Year 1 have been practising hard for their Chagigah, they have learnt new songs and have been rehearsing their lines. They have also been learning about the mitzvot which help us to be kind and pleasant to other people. Some of these are: caring for our parents by doing what they tell us to do, sharing our things with friends and not telling tales about other people.

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

Ivrit

This week Year 1 started learning to say שֶׁמֶשׁ – shemesh (sun), אֵשׁ – esh (fire), מְדוּרָה – medura (Bonfire), תַּפּוּחַ-אֲדָמָה – tapu'ac adama (potato), בָּטָטָה – batata (sweet potato), for Lag Ba'omer, זֶה ze (that is – male) and זֹאת zot (that is – female) for Lag Ba'omer. Year 1 began learning the song Esh bo'eret - מִירֵב הָאוֹסֶמֶן / שִׁיר יֵלִידִים לִל"ג בְּעוֹמֶר אֵשׁ בּוֹעֶרֶת

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lCguENW9so>

Other subject areas

The children began the week by looking at a map of the world. They identified the different continents and talked about some of the countries that are in the continents and they labelled the continents on a blank world map. In Science the children continued to learn about plants. They used their knowledge of labelling the parts of the plant and what plants need to think about what a bean needs to grow. They will be growing their own beans in pots with soil over the next few weeks and watching them grow.

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, mass, weight
- 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! Please remember to read the school reading books daily with your child. This will ensure they are developing their fluency and also use the questions in the front and back of the book to develop comprehension skills
- 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.

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**.
- Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform, if you are unsure please check the uniform list.
- **Please remember to bring back your child's siddur with wrapping paper and pictures**
- 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 98.15%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

Miss Rich, Rabbi Herman and the Year 1 team