

Dear Parents,

Year 1 have had a great week! They have been very welcoming and friendly to our new teaching assistants. Miss Raja has joined us for the mornings and Miss Joseph will be supporting the class in the afternoons. Ms Moshwe our student teacher, is going to be working and teaching the children in the summer term.

Literacy

In English the children have looked deeper into 'recycling'. They learnt why it is important to recycle and how recycling works. They learnt about landfill sites and why they are an issue. The children wrote facts about recycling that they then used to create a recycling poster at the end of the week. The children have also been working hard writing poems about what they like about Etz Chaim.

Maths

In Maths the children have been focusing on volume and capacity. They first learnt that these words mean (the amount of liquid in a container) and they compared different containers by saying 'full' and 'empty' and 'half full' 'nearly full'. The children also compared which containers had more or less liquid. The children then measured the volume of different beakers in units. Each cup was represented as one unit and they then compared which container had the most or least units of water.

Jewish Studies

Parashat Emor this week focuses on the Chagim, which helped us to revise our Chag knowledge. In order to move our learning on, we have been looking at the seasons and where the Chagim fall, spring for Pesach, Autumn for Rosh Hashanah etc. We have also been practicing hard for our Chagigah and learning new songs.

Please remember to return your child's siddur and to bring in their costume by the date written in your child's green book.

Ivrit

This week Year 1 carried on learning to say שמש – shemesh (sun), אש – esh (fire), מדורה – medura (Bonfire), תפוח-אדמה – tapu'ac adama (potato), בטטה – batata (sweet potato), for Lag Ba'omer, זה ze (that is – male) and זאת zot (that is – female) for Lag Ba'omer. Year 1 began carried on learning the song Esh bo'eret – מירב האוסמן / שיר ילדים ל"ג בעומר אש בוערת

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

Other subject areas

The children were really excited to start the week by planting their bean plant. They have made sure to water their beans every day and also excited to draw their beans in a weeks' time when they have grown. The children also have been continuing to learn about e-safety and how they can stay safe on the computer at school and at home.

Things you can do at home with your child

- Practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. There are some great songs here: <https://themumeducates.com/counting-in-2s-5s-and-10s-in-year-1/>
- Practice and revise number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Using mathematical vocabulary such as **volume, capacity, volume of _____ units**
- 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.

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 98.52%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

Miss Rich, Rabbi Herman and the Year 1 team