

Dear Parents,

This week the children have been working very hard and their main focus has been on upleveling their work and spotting their own mistakes.

Maths

This week in Maths we have been linking our learning to the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Number Day. The class have been exploring numbers in different ways. We have used this opportunity to review work on counting in 2,5,3 and 10 and the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The class have also reviewed in more detail the terms clockwise and anti-clockwise to ensure they are confident about the meaning of these terms before moving forward.

English

In English this week the children have continued working on our new class book: The Secret Sky Garden. The children have continued to uplevel their poems in their neatest handwriting. This has been done one-on-one to help perfect joins and ensure every child meets their potential. We have also been introduced to a new character 'Zoo'. The class made excellent comparisons between the two characters and have worked hard on writing predictions about their future interactions. The class have also been focusing on their spellings in Support for Spelling and have been using the Complex Speed Sound Chart for guidance.

Other areas of the curriculum

This week the class have been writing descriptions of their habitat to accompany their excellent work from last year. The class have been ensuring this is in their neatest handwriting to ensure that they have done the best they can. This week our main focus has been the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe. The class have reviewed who trusted adults are and the importance of understanding happy places.

Jewish Studies

This week in Jewish Studies, we have continued learning to read and write our script letters. In Parashah we discussed that we have a special rest day every seven days called Shabbat. The land in Eretz Yisrael has a special rest year every seven years. The mitzvah of Shmittah helps us to remember that although the farmer works hard on his land, it is Hashem who makes things grow.

Things to do at home

- Please continue to read with your child and ask them questions to develop their comprehension skills. 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. 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.

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.
- A reminder that English home learning is collected in on Wednesdays, please remind your child to hand in their home learning.
- On Saturday 8th May it is VE Day. Our Home Learning this week will be focused on this.
- 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. You 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. This will be our main form of communication going forward.
- Tzedakah is collected every Friday and it would be wonderful if children could bring some in or if you could donate using ParentPay
- Next Week is Mental Health Awareness week. Throughout the week we will be completing a range of different activities that focus on nature, self-care and ways to calm down.

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 2 Team