

Dear Parents,

The children have had a short but rather busy week! There have been a variety of workshops including the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe assembly. The pupil also learnt the importance of democracy and had a chance to vote for their new library monitor in class.

English –We are still reading 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. This week we explored the theme around Bradley's friendship. Children understood the importance to celebrate friendship and how friends can help them have good times and provide support during bad times. Friends can prevent loneliness and give a chance to offer needed companionship.

Spelling We looked at the words ending in –le, -il, -al and –el. The words to practise: stencil, swivel, huddle, utensil, squirrel, whistle, doddle, double, general, hospital

Please continue to practise these spelling words and use them in context. Keep working on the joined handwriting and presentation too. Please continue to encourage your children to read for pleasure and think in advance about what they would like their next library book to be.

Maths –This week we have been learning about angles in a triangle. The children learnt how to find angles in a triangle and how to find vertically opposite angles. They really enjoyed challenging themselves with mastery sheets.

Topic –In geography we continued with last week's objectives. The children located some of the world's mountain ranges on an atlas eg: Andes, Himalayas, Rockies, Pyrenees, Urals, Transantarctic mountains and researched how mountain ranges are formed. In science, Children learnt more about the qualities which are needed to survive in ocean.

ICT- We are continuing to learn about how to create a spreadsheet in Excel for budgeting and how to find totals using Σ . They created a spreadsheet to investigate what happens when you add 1 to the numerator and denominator of a fraction.

Art- The children were given area of Jerusalem to research on last week and this week they used sketches of given place in Jerusalem to create diorama

Jewish Studies –The children learnt about the parasha and linked the value of giving without embarrassing someone. They then designed their own tzedakah projects where giving would be anonymous receiving would feel like a normal transaction. I was really proud of the creative ideas they showed in their project proposals. We also learnt about Jerusalem as it is Yom Yerushalayim on Monday.

Ivrit– Year 6 will be learning the song מירב האוסמן // שיר ילדים לל"ג בעומר אש בוערת/ for Lag Ba'omer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lCguENW9so> and the first verse and chorus of the song - שיר עד

בביצוע יוסי בנאי | עממי ארמני | חיים חפר - הפינג'אן - HaFinjan (The coffee pot):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGhYW2DabR0>.

Reminders:

- PE will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please remind your child to bring their PE kit.
- Please ensure your child has their blue diary each day. We use these to communicate with you!
- Tzedakah is collected every Friday and it would be wonderful if children could bring some in or if you could donate using ParentPay
- All boys need to wear a kippah and to have a spare kippah in their tray and all children need a non-uniform cap in their tray too.
- A reminder that children should not be wearing jewellery. Only plain stud earrings are permitted.
- Please check uniform fits correctly – girls' skirts MUST reach the knee.

Things to do at home:

The children should be reading their scheme books and other books every evening. Please ask them about the text they are reading and date and sign the blue diary each time. The school library books can be changed or renewed on Wednesdays. We are very lucky that our library is running as many schools have closed their libraries due to Covid restrictions. However many children are opting out of choosing books.

Please talk to your child about books. We have so many amazing books in our school library for older readers. Encourage them to select a library book and invest time in reading. You can even browse our selection on Junior Librarian:

<https://juniorclassic.microlibrarian.net/?customerid=U020627&loggedin=OGFXdk8xejQzSGtNd2hpcVNVbytIWoxZUVWSFpPYnRNYWtEcGpjeExpSTO> Please see Seesaw for the Username and Password.

Ask your child questions about the book they are reading (remember VIPERS - Vocabulary / Inference / Prediction / Explanation / Retrieval / Summarise)

Mathletics has also been updated with this week's focus, please ensure the children are logging in and practising.

Play games like "Articulate" and "Taboo" or "Absolute Balderdash" which all encourage children to use their imagination and develop their vocabulary and play card games and board games

Please log into Kodable for your child to become adept at coding and continue to explore Raspberry Pi

Watch and discuss the news with your child

Go on virtual tours of museums eg

Virtual tour of Fishbourne Palace <https://historyview.org/library/fishbourne-palace/>

Virtual Tour of Verulamium (in St Albans) <https://strikingplaces.com/tours/google-virtual-tour-verulamium-museum/>

Our week's attendance was 98.81%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 6 team