

Dear Parents,

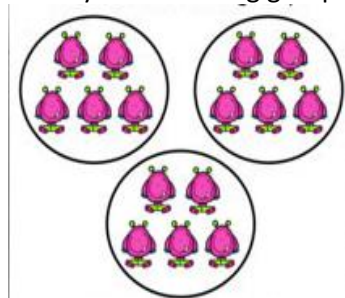
Year 1 have had a great week preparing for their Chagigat Hasiddur. They are very excited to show you all their hard work and effort!

### Literacy

In English this week, the children looked at instruction texts. They explained clearly what an instruction text is used for and gave some examples (how to build a Lego set, how to make food). They looked at the features of instruction texts and what needs to be included. For example, a big bold title, a list of the equipment needed and the steps of how to do it in order. The children then ordered, planned and wrote their own instructions for making a bird feeder. They used the title, equipment and ordered steps to instruct people 'How to Make a Bird Feeder'.

### Maths

In Maths the children have been focusing on finding and adding equal groups. They began the week recapping how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. They then looked at equal groups and how this means that there are the SAME NUMBER in each group. They found the total of different amounts of equal groups and wrote sentences to show this. They also showed that when you are finding groups of something, it is the same as adding them. Here is an example:



There are **3** groups of aliens  
There are **5** aliens in each group  
There are **3 groups of 5 aliens**  
There are **15** aliens altogether  
This is the same as **5 + 5 + 5**

### Jewish Studies

This week we learnt the Ten Commandments in order using our fingers. We also discussed that one of the important customs on Shavuot is to decorate the shul and our homes with flowers because Mount Sinai grew flowers to look nice for the giving of the Torah. We all loved making cheesecakes with sprinkles.

We have launched a new initiative to encourage Hebrew reading and Parasha homework. Every week your child/ren are encouraged to read Hebrew and complete the oral Parasha questions. The children will receive a stamp on their card for each week the work is completed.

### 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 לל"ג בעומר אש בוערת

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

### Other subject areas

The children have been watching their bean plants grow over the week. They filled in their bean diaries for week 2, writing how their plant has changed and drawing a picture of what their bean plant looks like. The children also linked their instruction writing to some DT. They made pine cone bird feeders using lard, seeds, pine cones and string. They then used the instruction writing they had learnt, to explain to others how to make bird feeders. The children really enjoyed this!

### 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.
- 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.
- **Please can your children come into school on the 20th May wearing their Shabbat clothes and bring their school uniform in a bag to get changed in to after the ceremony. These Shabbat clothes should be in line with the school uniform policy.**

Our week's attendance was 99.63%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

Miss Rich, Rabbi Herman and the Year 1 team