

Dear Parents,

The children have enjoyed their yoga sessions during Mental Health Awareness Week. It provided a nice opportunity for the children to hit the pause button and participate in an exciting activity that they would not normally do. The children also had some Streetwise sessions that they engaged with well.

English – The children finished the book Kensuke's Kingdom. They wrote their own Backwards poems using the same structure as the poem 'Refugee'. They used their Backwards poem to convey how Kensuke first felt about Michael when he came to the island, and how he feels about him now. The children performed their poems and they were marked by their peers on volume, pace, expression, body language and intonation.

Maths – The children continued to look at fractions this week. They learnt about how to convert fractions into decimals and will be looking further at decimals next week. They were provided with a variety of opportunities to explore these concepts with concrete materials, pictorial and abstract resources. The children were also provided with a variety of opportunities to focus on some fluency, problem solving and reasoning questions.

Topic – The children started to consider whether the Vikings were really vicious, based on what he had learnt about them so far. The children will be writing discussion pieces of work to explain their views on how vicious they think the Vikings were. In Science the children explored both water and air resistance, and participated in experiments to look at the stream-lined shapes. The children have practised experiment writing and understand what is expected of them when writing their experiment reports.

Jewish Studies – This week we celebrated Yom Yerushalayim by doing our bensching at the Kotel – we put on the Kotelcam which showed various people dancing and saying tefillot at the Kotel live as we were thanking Hashem. We prepared for Shavuot by making booklets, poems and raps about the mitzvot and minhagim of the chag as well as about the contents of the Ten Commandments.

Reminders

- Please bring in a Pritt Stick and tissue box if you have not done so already.
- The children should be reading their scheme books aloud every evening. Please ask them comprehension questions about the text they are reading and date and sign the blue diary each time. The children should also be reading their 'home' books. The school library books can be changed or renewed on Wednesdays.
- Please ensure your child has their blue diary each day. If they are being collected by someone different than usual, this must be recorded in the diary on the day.
- All boys need a spare kippah in their tray and all children need a non-uniform cap in their tray too.
- Magic Spell has been updated with this week's spelling focus. Please ensure your children are logging in and practising.
- Athletics has also been updated with this week's focus, please ensure the children are logging in and practising.

- 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 100%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Just a reminder that KS1 children should not be playing on or around the playground equipment before or after school, whilst waiting for older siblings.

Shabbat Shalom

Mrs Gishen and the Year 5 team