

Dear Parents,

Year 1 have enjoyed lots of exciting learning this week.

Literacy

In English this week, the children have continued to look at the book Zeraffa Giraffa. They followed Zeraffa's journey from Marseilles to Paris in France. Upon her arrival, the town made giraffe gifts for Zeraffa to show their appreciation and love. The children thought of their own gift for Zeraffa and drew and described their gift. The children also spent some time in CP using junk modelling to recreate Mr Stravaganza's invention to help transport Zeraffa from Marseilles to Paris.

Maths

In Maths the children learnt about telling the time. They began the week by learning about the days of the week and months of the year which they are already familiar with. They used sentences to describe what day comes before and after (yesterday and tomorrow). They also thought about the important dates in months of the year. The children then learnt about telling the time to the hour. They learnt the difference between the hour and the minute hand and when the hour hand is pointing to the 12 it means 'o'clock'. Next week, they will continue to tell the time to the half hour.

Jewish Studies

The class enjoyed completing their 'Siddur Treasure Hunt' activity in their JS lessons this week. They had to work out the answer to the question clues and find the hidden treasures amongst the pages of their Siddur. We also discussed in the Parasha lesson the importance of reflecting on the past to help us do better in the future, a lesson we can take with us as we move on to Year 2.

Ivrit

The children had a fun session with Noa, they sang songs and played music to review all the Ivrit they had learnt this year.

Other subject areas

The children had a fantastic sports event run by BPSS. They enjoyed using equipment and playing sports in teams. They also linked their learning about seasons to make shadow puppets. They learnt about what a shadow looks like and how shadows change across the day. They made shadow puppets in their own shapes. The children also enjoyed a Da Capo concert from all the year groups on Friday afternoon. It was a great way to end the week!

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
- Next week, we are looking at two digit numbers to 100. Make sure your children is confident at counting in 1s (especially crossing the tens e.g. 49 to 50)
- 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. It is important for the children to build fluency with their reading. 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 could your child bring in TWO plastic bags to take home their books by Wednesday 21st July**

The monthly Maths challenge from our Maths ambassadors. Please send your answers to your class teachers!

If Jerry had 7 apples and his friend Matilda ate 3 of them
how many would Jerry have left? /reception

If Kaideen brought 5 chocolate bars from the shops and his twin
sister Kallie brought 16, how many chocolate bars would they have
together? /Yr 1 & 2.

Our week's attendance was 97.31%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

Miss Rich, Rabbi Herman and the Year 1 team