

Dear Parents,

We have had a really busy week in Year 2. We continued with our topic, "How Are You?" and enjoyed role playing life in a Victorian hospital.

Thursday 7th October was National Poetry Day! This is an annual celebration of poets and poetry. To celebrate this day, the home learning this week will be poetry-based. It would also be lovely if your child could bring in a favourite poem to share with their class.

We have also found a selection of poetry books your child might be interested to read:

[https://www.booksfortopics.com/poetry?fbclid=IwAR1RrWE6H5N0FonPPcVs2Gulele7XYFJc4mabFE5a0htBDTrV\\_IWQmKZ8tk](https://www.booksfortopics.com/poetry?fbclid=IwAR1RrWE6H5N0FonPPcVs2Gulele7XYFJc4mabFE5a0htBDTrV_IWQmKZ8tk)

### Maths

This week in Maths we have been representing numbers to 100. We have counted in 2,3,5 and 10 starting from 0 and have been adding and subtracting numbers to 20. We have consolidated one more and one less from last year.

### English

In English we researched Mary Seacole and written a fact file. We have also been thinking about Beegu's thoughts and feelings, writing speech bubbles to reflect these. In SPaG we have been looking at the past and present tenses. We were looking at verbs such as go and went and has and had. This still needs practice.

### Topic

In Topic we have researched Mary Seacole and her life. In computing we explored her journey from Jamaica to the UK, using the Beebots to locate the different countries on a large mat and plot a journey between them. In history we looked at Mary Seacole's life in Chronological order. We researched and created a fact file Mary Seacole's life, the impact she has in Black History.

### Jewish Studies

In Jewish studies the children learnt from the Parashah the need to persevere even when it is difficult, Noach takes a long time to build the teva (ark). He perseveres even though people around him are making fun of him. They also engaged in a wide range of games and activities to help their Hebrew reading improve in accuracy and fluency.

### Ivrit

Year 2 learnt to make short sentences with the words Shalom- Hello , Ani- I, Ata -You(m) and At-You(f).

They used these words in a conversation to introduce themselves to each other.

### Next week

In English, the class will be planning their recount of Beegu and begin to write their postcard.

In Maths we will be learning to count forwards and backwards within 50. To count forwards and backwards to 100. (A/S) To recognise place value in two digit numbers. (PV) . To compare and order numbers up to 100 using greater than or less than signs.

### In JS

In the Jewish studies lessons we will continue to learn how to read and write the Hebrew letters in script and enjoy learning about the Parasha.

### Reminders:

To celebrate the school's 10 year anniversary, I am delighted to invite the children to take part in very special poster competition where children can celebrate the **Top Ten things about Etz Chaim**.

The children should design an imaginative and colourful poster about the Top Ten things about Etz Chaim and prizes will be given to the top design for Reception – Year 2, Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6. The winners will be announced in assembly and the winning entries will be displayed throughout the school.

The children need to hand their entries in to their Class Teacher by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Entries should be no bigger than A3.

I look forward to seeing the children's amazing posters!

- The children should be reading their scheme books aloud every evening. Please ask them comprehension questions about the text they are reading (remember VIPERS - Vocabulary / Inference / Prediction / Explanation / Retrieval / Sequence) and date and sign the green diary each time.
- The school library books can be changed or renewed on Wednesdays.
- Please ensure your child has their green liaison book each day. If they are being collected by someone different than usual, this must be recorded in the book on the day.
- All boys need a spare kippah in their tray and all children need a non-uniform cap in their tray too.
- Tzedakah is collected every Friday and it would be wonderful if children could bring some in or if you could donate using ParentPay.
- Please support your child to complete their home learning by the deadline and remind them to hand it in
- Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit on a Monday and brings their uniform into school to change into after the lesson. They will be coming home in their PE kits on Thursday.
- Remember, October is Walk to school Month.
- Please sign and return your Home School Agreement and Acceptable Use Agreement
- Our week's attendance was almost at 89.93%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

The Year 2 Team