

Dear Parents,

This week, we celebrated Lag Ba'Omer where we had a picnic outside under canopies which were the caves that Rabbi Akiva was studying in.

**English** – In English this week, we imagined we lived in a community during WW2 and discussed the question: should the children in the community be evacuated? We had a debate to discuss the positives and negatives of evacuation. The following day, we became evacuees, writing our own ID cards and being picked from a line up at the 'train station', before writing a letter home to our Mums to explain about our experience. We read the first two chapters of the book, learning about the main characters Willie Beech and Tom Oakley.

**Maths** – In maths we have been learning how to calculate the area of compound shapes. This is a multistep problem as we not only need to multiply the sides to work out the area but we also have to add the areas together to work out the totals for the compound shape.

**Topic** – This week we have been learning about plants and their reproductive cycle. We learnt that the pollen is transferred from plant to plant by either animals such as Bees or by the wind. We have also been programming Pro bots to go through the trenches of WWII.

**Jewish Studies** – In Jewish Studies we have been revising over our ETGAR topics. We have been hot seating to test our knowledge. We also learnt about the reasons behind celebrating Lag Ba'omer. We have been reading with meaning for Hebrew reading.

**Reminders:**

Our Tzedakah Tzevet come round to collect Tzedakah on Friday mornings. Please remember to send your child in with Tzedakah or donate using ParentPay.

As always, in addition to home learning set, there is also Mathletics, TTRockstars and Spelling Shed, children can spend about 30 minutes on each of these apps across the week and this will help them with their maths and spelling fluency and should be enough to earn certificates.

Please ensure your child has their blue diary each day.

The children will have two home learning tasks. One of the tasks will be given to them on Tuesday and they will have until Friday to complete it. The second task will be assigned to them on Fridays and they will have until the following Tuesday to do it. They will also have one JS home learning, which will be given out on a Friday to be returned on Wednesday.

PE is on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure that the children have a pair of white socks for each session.

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 / Summarise) and date and sign the blue diary each time. The children should also be reading their 'home' books. Reading book changes take place on Monday and Friday.

The school library books can be changed or renewed on Tuesdays.

Our week's attendance was 94.09%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

Mrs Braham and the Year 5 Team