

Dear Parents,

English

In English, the children received a letter from Orion, thanking them for their advice on how to overcome his various fears, but explaining that there is one much bigger fear that he didn't think they could help with – the dark! The children then read all of Orion's failed solutions to overcoming his fear of the dark, including eating lots of carrots and capturing the sun. They then saw how Orion was about to go up the stairs to bed and discussed how he must be feeling.



Continuous Provision

The children have continued working on the following activities to enhance their learning this week:

Phonics: making letters out of pegs

Maths: creating robot monsters of different heights

Funky Fingers: weaving ribbon through a weaving frame

Creative: drawing a celebration using a book 'Celebrations around the World'

Writing: continuing on from the start of a story

Science: sorting materials into categories

Jewish Studies: speed reading in partners and beating the clock!

Maths

This week, the children practised counting forwards and backwards from different numbers. They filled in number lines with missing numbers, carefully forming each number correctly. They then used this knowledge to help them find one more and one less than any given number, extending to ten more and ten less using a hundred square to help.

Topic: Let's Celebrate

The children enjoyed discussing the various ways that success is celebrated in our school. They thought about the Behaviour Chart and the Warm and Fuzzy jar in the classroom, the Caught in the Corridor and Head Teacher's award stickers they might receive, the various trophies and awards given in assembly and the many certificates available to them. They agreed that we celebrate success in so many ways at Etz Chaim!

Jewish Studies

This week in Jewish Studies the children learnt about the importance of having a talent and using it for the right things as Yaakov does in this week's Parasha. The children enjoyed engaging in a wide range of fun games and activities to help improve their Hebrew reading.

Ivrit

Year 1 carried on learning the topic of the days of the week. Words that the children are learning include: יום, יום ראשון, יום שני, יום שלישי, יום רביעי, יום חמישי, יום ששי, יום שבת, היום, אתמול, מחר, מיו, א, מיו which means: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, today, yesterday and tomorrow. This week they learnt how to shorten the days' names using Gimatriya: ב, יום ג, יום ד, יום ה, יום ו, יום ז.

The class is learning the song מיוה מיו הזיא (Eize yom Hayom – What day is it today).

Next Week

In English, the children will role play and describe Orion's feelings.

In Maths, the class will be learning about place value (tens and ones).

In Topic, Year 1 will be investigating materials.

In JS, Year 1 will be learning the laws of a Kosher Chanukiah.

Ideas for things you could do at home

- Please read with your child and sign their reading diary.
- Practise their letter and number formation, ensuring they start and finish in the correct place.

Reminders

- Our week's attendance was 98.21%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Library is on a Tuesday.
- Children's individual reading books will be changed when they have read both books on either a Monday or a Thursday.
- Children's Hebrew reading will be checked on a Tuesday and returned on a Wednesday.
- Write in the link book if your child is going home with someone else.

POINTS TO NOTE

- **OUR PE TIME HAS CHANGED.** The children now only need to come into school on a Wednesday **in their PE kit, wearing white trainers**, with their school clothes in their PE bag.

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year One Team