

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week in Reception! During table top time, the children have started to write words phonetically and reading these to me themselves. They have also been using the numicon to add numbers by placing the numicon on top of each other and they have used the interactive whiteboard to read some words and decide if they're real or 'nonsense'. They have also coded the beebot to get it moving from one place to another.



In Phonics time the children were really excited as we have now finished all the first sounds. These are all inside the red reading folder. We are now practising our blending skills and going over all the sounds. This week we learnt 'x, ng and y'. The children have been learning about the weather and what to wear in the cold. We have been reading a book called 'Snow Bear'. Using this week as a focus we have been writing a list using pictures and words to list what we have inside our houses. Some children wrote words like window and door.



The children have been finding clothes that we can wear in the cold weather and dressing up with these in the home-corner. They have learnt how to open phonics and maths games independently and have really enjoyed playing these. The children have also been making pictures using tissue paper to make snowy landscapes. The children also enjoyed playing with ice which had frozen outside. They spoke about how it felt and the way it would break.

This week we have started our Chanukah preparations. We created our own kosher Chanukiah from clay which we are waiting to dry and then we can paint. We have been thinking about the different items we use on Chanukah and creating our Chanukiah with that in mind, for example a dreidel or a doughnut.



We also learned the letter Vav. The children love learning the Hebrew letters and I am really proud of how well they remember their sounds.

Please can I ask you all to carry on practising the phonics sounds with the children and making 3-letter words with them.

Please could I ask if you have any old or spare pillowcases you no longer need to send them in.

Our week's attendance was 93.85%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96 %.

Shabbat shalom,

Reception Team