



Dear Parents,

It has been a shorter but still a busy and fun week in Reception!

The children have been practising reading words in their heads, or as we call it 'Fred in your Head'. They are becoming much speedier with this and are able to recognise some CVC words on sight. The children have been challenged to write words next to pictures, using their Phonics knowledge. They have enjoyed working on their letter formation.

The children have started adding numbers up to 10 and have been able to use the Numicon to show this. They have also been taking away some numbers by counting the holes on the Numicon. The children have been recognising the Numicon more by placing the blocks inside a bag and trying to guess which block they are holding by counting the holes with their eyes closed.

During table-top the children have been written some simple CVC words using the word-mat, rolled the dice to recognise the number patterns and collect all the fives, added numbers to 15 on the whiteboard, directed the bee-bot to the chanukiah and tried to fill the Numicon board first against a partner. They have been using their fine motor skills to spin some driedels. The children have also been drawing their own chanukiot and using tissue paper for the flames.



They have been reading books on the carpet and blending sounds to read words. We have also been making Numicon sandwiches where they put a block on the base 10 and see what other blocks they can add and giving the sandwich a name. In construction, the children were making their own chanukiah with the blocks. They also experimented with different ways to do so.

Chanukah is now truly here in Reception! We are learning our songs and brachot so well. We have now painted our Chanukiot and they are looking sparkletastic! We learnt our new Hebrew letter zayin this week and we zoomed around the playground! To get ourselves ready for the Fire Station visit we have also been looking at fire safety in the home, through reading a fabulous book 'Firesafety Charlie'. We have also been role playing fire engines and playing Fire Safety Bingo. Please can the children come in on Tuesday with Wellington boots (it can get wet with the water/hose play) and a non-school uniform cap.

Our week's attendance was 96.15 %. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat shalom,

Reception Team