

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We have had an exciting and at the same time, a very busy week in Year 4. The children were introduced to their new topic for this half term which is 'Fashion'.

Maths

In Maths, we have started with revision on number and place value. The children were asked to complete many different challenges, including word problems. They were encouraged to use informal mental methods to add or subtract numbers where needed.

We also continued practising division and multiplication on a daily basis.

English

In English, the students read extracts of newspaper articles about fast fashion. Then they used their knowledge to plan and create a leaflet to inform people on the impact that this mass production of low-cost clothes has on the environment and on the sweatshop labourers' lives.

Science: The children were introduced to electricity. They learnt about appliances that run on electricity and about the different forms of energy.

PE: We will be doing dance for this half term and we started with a video about how people used to dance back in the 1980s. The children observed their dance moves and tried to reproduce them in their own creative way.

DT/Art: The children designed their own tops with prints which were related to themselves. We have learnt about different types of fabrics and they carefully thought about which one it would be better to use for their top to be sustainable.

They, then, used pattern cutting paper and they created a 3D version of their tops combining cold with warm colours.

Jewish studies

This week In Jewish Studies we have reviewed the last few Parashiot and learnt about Yosef and how his brothers treated him. We learnt about his forgiving nature and how he recognised the good in each individual. We have also continued to follow the lives of Yitzhak and Rivkah in our Chumash lessons.

Ivrit

Year 4 carried on with the topic: **ושתייה אוכל** - Food and Drinks. The children are learning to name different foods and putting them into sentences. Some of the foods the children are learning to name are:

לימון (Limon – lemon) פיצצה (Pizza) ברוקולי (Broccoli) ביצה (Beitza – egg) תפוז (Tapuz – orange) תה (Te – tea) פסטה (Pasta) חמום (Humous) פיתה (Pitta) בננה (Banana) שוקולד (Shokolad – chocolate) פלאפל (Falafel) חלב (Chalav – milk) גבינה (Gvina – cheese) לחם (Lechem – bread) עגבנייה (Agvania – tomato) מלפפון (Melafefon – cucumber).

The class will be learning the song ים סל עם גברת which you can find on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHeTKM5i4CQ>

And the song אוכל קדימה אוכל which you can find on the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWaXQpeePc>

Things to do at home

- Please make sure that your child is practising their times tables at home.
- The children must be reading their scheme books loud every evening.

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 98.08%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- **PE will be on Thursdays instead of Wednesdays**, so please ensure that your child brings their PE kit with them. The other PE lesson will take place on Tuesday mornings at the same time as last term.
- **Next week is Science Week!** Please encourage your child to enter the Science Squad competition to design a piece of wearable technology. Entries should be handed in to the school office by Friday 17th of January.
- School reading books will be changed on Tuesdays.

Shabbat Shalom,
The Year 4 Team