

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to Year 5! The children have settled back in nicely after the holidays.

English – Year 5 have looked at modal verbs and undergone a handwriting practice surgery to practise forming their letters and their correct formations. We have started our new class book *Floodland* by Marcus Sedgwick and have started to consider the themes of the novel and take a look at what a Dystopian world means. Pupils have worked really hard to consider how Norfolk would have come to be flooded.

Maths – Year 5 have consolidated fractions this week. Pupils have had further practice using concrete tools to explore the idea of equivalent fractions. Pupils also explored these ideas through the use of Fraction Walls. They were able to define an equivalent fraction and identify what has helped them with their learning.

Topic – Pupils have been introduced to our new Science Topic of Materials. They have explored the definitions required for the topic and have sorted materials based on their properties. In art pupils have developed their sketching skills and have produced nice sketches based on bird's eye views of Islands. They have had a chance to reflect on their sketches and improve them. Year 5 have also been working hard learning for their dance festival. Their practice is paying off and its beginning fantastic.

Ivrit – This week year 5 started learning the topic “Picnic” - פיקניק. Our key vocabulary includes:

פיקניק (Picnic) רעב (Ra'ev – hungry) צמא (Tzame – thirsty) מתוק (Matok – sweet) מלוח (Malouach – salty) חמוץ (Chamoutz – sour) מלפפון (Melafefon chamoutz) חריף (Charif – spicy) חריף פלפל (Pilpel charif – Jalapeno) עוגת שוקולד (Ugat shokolad – chocolate cake) סלט (Salat yerakot – vegetable salad) מיץ (Mitz tapuzim – orange juice) מיץ אשכוליות (Mitz eshkoliot – grapefruit juice) לימנדה (Limonada – lemonade) עגבנייה (Agvaniya – tomato) עגבניות (Agvaniot – tomatoes) לחמניות (Lachmaniya – bread roll) לחמניות (Lachmaniot – bread rolls) גבינה (Gvina – cheese) גבינות (Gvinot – cheese, plural) עוגה (Uga – cake) עוגות (Ugot – cakes) עם (Em – with) בלי (Bli – without) רוצה (Rotze – want, masculine) רוצה (Rotza – want, feminine) רוצים (Rotzim – want, plural masculine) רוצות (Rotzot – want, plural feminine)

Year 5 will be learning the song נשחקה באגוזים (B'egozim nesacheka – we will play with nuts). You can find the song on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peLcC_amjm4

JS – This week we worked on preparing for the Shabbaton. We made covers for the benschers, created Shabbat posters and practised all our songs. We studied the parasha of Vayechi, which is about the end of Yaakov's life, and we saw how he blessed his grandsons Ephraim and Menashe and said that Israel will be blessed through them. We still follow these words today when parents bless their children: girls are blessed to be like Sara, Rivka Rachel and Leah but boys are blessed to be like

Ephraim and Menashe. We are all really looking forward to the Shabbaton and to experiencing Shabbat with our friends.

Reminders –

The children must be reading their scheme books out loud every evening. Please ask them comprehension questions about the text they are reading and date and sign the blue diary each time. The children should also be reading their 'home' books as well. The school library books can be changed or renewed on Mondays or in Library Club on Wednesdays.

Please ensure your child has their blue diary each day. If they are being collected by someone else to usual, this must be recorded in the diary on the day.

All boys need a spare kippah in their tray and all children need a non-uniform cap in their tray too.

Children should be coming in to school in their PE kits on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. They should bring their school uniform in their PE bag to change into after PE.

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 January.

Our week's attendance was 97.22%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

Mrs Gishen and the Year 5 team