

Dear Parents,

This week the children have enjoyed more topic based learning!

Maths

In Maths, the children have been practising multiplying and dividing with the eight times table. They looked at the relationship between the 4 and 8 times table and how it was much more simple to work out calculations in the 8 times table using facts from the 4 times table. The children applied this knowledge to different groups of 8.

English

In English, the children recapped their knowledge about the features of a diary entry. They remembered the elements that need to be included and highlighted and found the features in example diary entries. They recapped their knowledge about chapter 1 of Bill's New Frock and thought about how Bill might have felt across the day (after waking up as a girl!) This helped to support them when they planned a diary entry, thinking about Bill's thoughts and feelings.

Other areas of the curriculum

The children looked at different t-shirt designs and thought about what makes them effective. They made suggestions such as the contrast of colours and the bold patterns. They planned and made their stencils for their own t shirts which they will be designing next week. Linking with our fashionable t-shirt making, the children also designed a reflective t-shirt for Miss Rich linking to our topic Light in Science. They enjoyed thinking of different materials that Miss Rich would want on her t shirt so that she was visible in the dark.

Jewish Studies

This week in Jewish Studies the children have continued to follow the life of Avram and how he trusted in Hashem so much that he was prepared to leave his home. Hashem made 4 promises to Avram and that is why we are such a big nation today. They also learnt that in this week's Parasha, the first 7 of the ten plagues were sent to Mitzrayim.

Ivrit

Year 3 have paused their studies on the topic **המשפחה שלי** – My family & Preposition. This will be for two weeks in order for us to prepare for the Hebrew theatre performance they are going to watch on the 4th February. The musical is called "the town mouse and the country mouse" that is based on a classic fable carrying the same name.

The children are learning the story line of the fable and discussing the moral of the story with their class teacher. They are also learning the key vocabulary words in their Ivrit lessons. The words for this play include: **עכבר עכברים עיר כפר הצגה שחקנים תפאורה תלבושות שיר ריקוד חבר קדוש יונת דואר גוף עצים שקדה עכבר עכברים עיר כפר הצגה שחקנים תפאורה תלבושות שיר ריקוד חבר קדוש יונת דואר גוף עצים שקדה**

Things to do at home

- Please make sure that your child is practising their times tables, especially the 4 and 8 times tables which we have been learning this year. There are some additional times table games on <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables> to assist your child with their times table learning.
- Next week, the children will be writing a diary entry about the feelings of the main character of our book 'Bill's New Frock'. Please expose your child to different diary entries and discuss the features.

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 99.26%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Please ensure that your child brings in his or her PE kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Library books can be changed each week during our library session on **Wednesday**. Please remind your child to bring in his or her library book.
- School reading books will be changed on a **Monday and Thursday**. Please continue to read with your child and ask them questions to develop their comprehension skills.
- **The Parent Online Safety workshop is on Wednesday 5th February 2020. This is an important event to attend and will give you valuable, up to date information about how to keep you children safe online. Please advise the School Office of your attendance.**

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 3 Team