

Dear Parents,

The children have spent this week sharing their stories about Bill (from Bill's New Frock) for National Storytelling Week!

Maths

In Maths, the children have been introduced to the grid method of multiplying for 2 digit and 3 digit numbers. They used dice to generate different numbers and worked out and showed the numbers using dienes and other concrete resources. The children also looked at other example answers and had to think about and justify why that answer was wrong.

English

In English, the children began the week writing a diary entry as if they were Bill waking up as a girl. They made sure to write in first person, past tense and chronological order. The children were then introduced to stereotypes for gender. They will be debating the issues of gender equality over the next few weeks.

Other areas of the curriculum

The children started the week by recognising that the light from the sun can be dangerous and ways to prevent this. They investigated the eye, looking at how the pupil gets smaller and bigger depending on the light and the children discussed and wrote about the damaging effects of bright lights. The children also spent time taking their stencil designs and printing them on their fashionable t-shirts. They used sponges and their pre-planned and made stencils.

Jewish Studies

This week in their Chumash learning the children learnt that Hashem told Avram he has to leave his home and take his wife and nephew Lot with him and were sent to a land which Hashem showed him This land was Eretz Canaan. In this week's Parasha Hashem delivered the last 3 of the 10 plagues.

Ivrit

Year 3 have paused their studies on the topic **הַמִּשְׁפָּחָה שְׁלִי** – 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: **עֵבֶר עֲבָרִים עִיר כָּפַר הַצֶּגֶה שְׁחֻקִּים תַּפְאוּרָה תַלְבוּשׁוֹת שִׁיר רִיקוּד חֵבֶר חֶדֶשׁ יוֹנֵת דּוֹאֵר נוֹף עֵצִים שְׂדֵה הָרִים חוֹרְשָׁה צְפָרְדַּעִים כּוֹכְבִים מְזֻזָּה אֲרוּחָה מְנָה אַחֲרוֹנָה שְׁעוֹן מְעוּרָר כְּרָכָרָה רֶכֶת מְכוֹנֵית אוֹפְנוֹעַ שְׁכָנִים שְׁלֵט סֶפֶה שׁוֹלְחַן רְהִיטִים סְעוּדַת מְלָכִים כָּלֵב וּלְיוֹנוֹת רְמָזוֹר**

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.

- The children have discussed the differences between boys and girls in their English lessons. Next week, they will begin to debate and plan a balanced argument about statements to do with boys and girls. Please begin to expose your child to debates.

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 92.69%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Please ensure that your child brings in his or her PE kit on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.
- 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.

- **Next Week is Safer Internet Day** – the theme this year is “**Free to be Me**”. We will be having a workshop on Wednesday 5th February and will be doing a number of activities around the theme throughout the week.
- **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.**
- We will also be doing activities linked to **Children’s Mental Health Week**. The theme for this is “**Find your Brave**”.

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 3 Team