

Dear Parents,

Year 6 have been “Finding their Brave” this week for Children’s Mental Health Week and have been “Free to be Me” for Safer Internet Day.

**English** – We considered the definition of bravery and looked closely at the character of Zoe in the class book “Floodland” and discussed how she demonstrated bravery. We thought about personal example of being brave. Then we looked at some of the characters Zoe meets in the book, used text marking to highlight descriptions of them and thought about what they are like on the outside and what their inner thoughts and feelings might be. Our Spelling focus for the week will be words ending in *ant* and *ent* and *ance* and *ancy* eg relevant and relevancy.

**Maths** – This week we have been applying our learning to some SATs papers. We discussed some test techniques such as reading the questions carefully, underlining key words, ensuring you keep an eye on the time and not spending too long on one question... We also discussed checking strategies to use when you finish the paper. We are also embedding long and short division.

**Topic** – This week we did a number of activities for Safer Internet Day. We thought about what “identity” means and about our online identity and watched a video where different aspects of online identity were discussed. We explored how to make good choices when online. We also read a poem called “Jessica’s Wish”, about how we are all different online and the importance of not all being the same. We also had a really informative workshop about how to be safe online.

**JS** - In Jewish Studies we continued learning about the Amidah, in particular the bracha of giving thanks, Hoda'ah. We saw that the gematria of Modim (we give thanks) is 100, which suggests that we can say thanks or make a bracha 100 times a day and we spent some time thinking about the many things we are grateful for. In order to prepare for Tu Bishvat, we discussed staple foods around the world and saw that bread was the Jewish staple food, which is why we would always say that bracha first. We then learnt more about the order of saying brachot. We also learned the Mishna about the fact that there used to be four 'new years' and nowadays we only keep the one in Tishrei and, of course, Tu Bishvat. As always, we continued to work on our Hebrew reading.

**Ivrit** – Year 6 carried on with the topic: 'איך אני נראה' - 'What I look like'. Year 6 are learning to describe themselves and others in detail. Words we are learning include: עיניים כחולות \ ירוקות \ חומות \ שחורות (Blue/black/brown/green eyes – Eynaim kchulot/shchorot/chumot/yerukot), שער ארוך (Sear aroch – long hair), שער קצר (Sear Katzar – short hair), צמה (Tzama – plat), צמות (Tzamot – plats), שער מתולתל (Sear metultal – curly hair), קוקיות (Kukiot – bunches), שער ישר (Sear yashar – straight hair), פה (Pe- mouth), אף (Af- nose), גבוה (Gavoha-tall), נמוך (Namouch – short)

The class will learn the song תְּפִנִּים לְשָׁלִי which you can find on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6heSiMYiqg> and the song אָנִי תָמִיד נִשְׂאֵר אָנִי (Ani tamid nishar ani – I always stay myself) which you can find on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwSCm-bcVwQ>

**Next Week is Go Green Week** – the theme is about the climate crisis. It is also Tu B'shevat.

The children should 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 continue to use Magic Spell, Mathletics and TTRockstars at home.

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 bringing in PE kits on Tuesdays and **Wednesdays**. They should bring their school uniform in their PE bag to change into after PE.

Our week's attendance was 91.85%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

Mrs Osborne, Mrs Benton and the Year 6 team