

Dear Parents,

This week has been Go Green week as well as Tu Bishvat and the children have really enjoyed learning about both. They had a wonderful fruit party on Monday and everyone tried various new fruit and learned about them.



During table-top the children rotated around making numbers over 10 using the Numicon and then finding the number on a number line; writing some words about the weather; describing the colour of their stick; completing a puzzle; reading words on the whiteboard and constructing using the stars.



The children have been playing rhyming games. They were given some puzzle pieces and had to match these to their correct rhyming word. We have also been consolidating our knowledge about odd and even numbers by looking at the 'chimneys' on the Numicon pieces.

We had a really fun time in Da Capo this week. The children were learning ways to 'read' symbols as words and then put that into a song. We also had a music session for Tu Bishvat where the children practised their Israeli dancing and listened to some Hebrew music. We have also been busy decorating our sticks and writing what we can use the stick for. This was based on our book from last week, 'Stanley's Stick'. Some children have then been using their sticks as spoons in the home corner and others named their stick and played with it in the small world area.

We had the best time on Monday celebrating Tu Bishvat. We had a fruit party which included guessing the fruit and obviously tasting all the exotic fruit Foundation Stage parents have so kindly sent in. Our favourite shecheyanu (a bracha we say on food we have tasted for the first time) was a custard apple! I was impressed with the number of children willing to try new and unusual foods - Reception really took home the message last week of 'finding my brave'. We also learnt the Chaf sofit (final letter) and have started blending using the Kamatz vowel. As well as learning our new Hebrew letter ל. The children were so busy this week, learnt so much and loved every minute of it.

Our week's attendance was 94.62%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat shalom,

Reception Team