

Dear Parents,

This week has been Book Week and the children had a wonderful time with all the exciting activities around that.

During table-top the children rotated around rolling the dice and adding two numbers together, practising their handwriting using sentences from a book, making bonds to 10 on the whiteboard with a game, making a puzzle and sorting beads out into colours using the tweezers.

We have carried on with our knowledge of doubling and halving and focused more on halving a number. We have also been practising writing some sentences using our red words (go, to, into, are, Mr and Mrs). We have been practising our counting to 30 by counting in 10s and 2s. As it has been Book Week we have been reading lots of different stories. The children learnt how to fold paper into storybooks. They loved making these stories and have used some of the books we've read to help inspire them. We have also been adding some pictures to our books which we read as a class. We have placed these in our library for the children to read. During PE we have been practising jumping and landing on two feet. We then challenged ourselves to jump and land on one leg.



We have had so much fun this Book Week. We started by meeting and listening to some stories from author Katie Dale. We got to act out different parts of the story through fancy dress. We then had our parents come into school and read us some exciting stories. Later in the week we joined with Year 4 who also read us some stories. The last part of Book Week allowed us to swap some of our books with other children.

We have been very busy preparing for Purim. The children have re-enacted the Purim story and it was wonderful to see how much they remembered. We have also been making our own story boards for Purim. Our graggers have been completed. As our topic in Reception this term is bugs we have chosen to make our graggers as an insect. We have been using symmetry (and doubling and halving) to get the graggers just the way we want them! The children have loved using their Maths knowledge! As we have been so busy with Purim we have not learnt a new letter of the week; instead we have concentrated on final mem (mem sofit).



This week Reception carried on learning to say words for Purim such as: לֵיצָן (Leitzan – clown, masculine), לֵיצָנִית (Leitzanit – clown, feminine) מֶלֶךְ (Melech – king), מַלְכָּה (Malka – queen) and פּוּרִים שְׂמֵחַ (Purim sameach – happy Purim).

The class learnt the song לֵיצָן קָטָן נְחֵמָד (Leitzan katan nechmad – nice little clown) which you can find on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4utHy2NMK0>

Our week's attendance was 91.54%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96 %.

**If anyone can donate a box of tissues to the school that would be appreciated.**

Shabbat shalom,

Reception Team