

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy Book Week and have continued with our learning on Fairgrounds.

**English** –Our theme for Book Week this year was twisted traditional tales. We read the story of Rumpelstiltskin and discussed the Laws of traditional tales; this included the Law of Three, the Law of Two to a Scene, The Law of Repetition and the Law of Patterning. The children then chose other traditional tales and found examples of this theme. We also discussed the theme of greed in the story and looked at who was greedier, the King or Rumpelstiltskin. In order to start thinking about twisted versions of fairytales, we watched a reading of “The True Story of the Three Little Pigs”, told from the perspective of the wolf. We enjoyed discussing the different perspective and its effect on us as readers. Then we wrote our own versions of Rumpelstiltskin told from his perspective. Our spelling focus this week was homophones such as license and licence, aisle and isle, allowed and aloud, guest and guessed, cereal and serial ...

**Maths** – This week we have been solving simple algebraic problems, finding the value of unknown numbers in equations.

**Topic** – This week we have been creating our own Purim Art. The children had to come up with a word or two that summed up a chapter of the Purim story and create lettering, a background and an image, based on the artwork of Fred Fowle, fairground artist. We have also been exploring symbols on maps. In science we studied the way that different materials refract or reflect light.

**JS** – The children were very privileged to have two workshops this week, one from Bnei Akiva, looking at how the mitzvot applied to the different aspects of their characters and one from JLGB, to introduce the Chief Rabbi's Kindness app. They looked at how a small act can make a big difference and built their own chain reactions to demonstrate this. Please download the app at [jlg.org/kindnesschallenge](http://jlg.org/kindnesschallenge) and record kind acts done by the children. The children prepared for Purim by working on their Purim play-scripts as well as their posters, where they chose a word to represent each chapter of the Megillah. As always we worked on our Hebrew reading and it is lovely to see how everyone is progressing well.

**Ivrit** – This week year 6 carried on with the topic - חיות (animals). The class will carry on learning the topic for this half term. The key words are: צב, (Tzav – turtle) צבים, (Tzavim – turtles) כָּלֵב, (Kelev – dog) כָּלָבִים, (Klavim – dogs) חַתּוּל, (Chatul – cat) חַתּוּלִים, (Chatulim – cats) סוּס, (Sus – horse) סוּסִים, (Susim – horses) תַּרְנֶגֶל, (Tarnegol – cockerel) תַּרְנֶגְלִים, (Tarnegolim – chickens) נָחָשׁ, (Nachash – snake) נְחָשִׁים, (Nechashim – snakes) אַרְנָב, (Arnav – rabbit) אַרְנָבִים, (Arnavim – rabbits) דָּג, (Dag – fish) דָּגִים, (Dagim – fish, plural) אוֹגֵר, (Oger – hamster) אוֹגְרִים, (Ogrim – hamsters) חַיּוֹת, (Chaiot – animals) מְעוּנָה, (Meuna – kennel) פִּינַת הַחַי, (Pinat hachai – animal corner) פִּיל, (Pil – elephant) אַרְיֵה, (Arie – lion) גִּירָפָה, (Girafa – giraffe) הִיפּוֹפּוֹטָם, (Hipopotam – hippo) זֶבְרָה, (Zebra – zebra)

The class is learning the song **לדוד משה הייתה חווה** which you can find here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLWVxMVKxj8&list=RDVLWVxMVKxj8&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLWVxMVKxj8&list=RDVLWVxMVKxj8&start_radio=1)

As well as the song **השפן הקטן הופ! ילדות ישראלית** which you can find here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qH8J3gZ-gl&list=RDVLWVxMVKxj8&index=2>

And the song **לי השוקה אצא** which you can find here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfZBO3SZrpE>

**Reminders** 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, Mathematics 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 98.52%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

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

Shabbat Shalom

Mrs Osborne, Mrs Benton and the Year 6 team