

Dear Parents,

The children have had a really lovely week and were talking about how much they enjoyed Purim. All the children looked amazing in their Purim outfits and it was lovely to see them dressed up!

During table-top the children rotated around rolling a dice and using the cubes to add the amount shown on the dice; they wrote what they wanted to dress up as on Purim and then wrote letters to me about some toys they would like in Reception; they used the Numicon to take a piece away and counted to see which number was missing; sequenced numbers on the whiteboard with numbers missing in between and made a bug house using the small world toys and the blocks.



This week we have we have been playing lots of games using the red words and writing sentences with these in. During Maths we have started to explore different vocabulary for adding and subtracting (fewer and more). We have also been making our own worms on paper and using the tape measure to see how long they are in cm. The children have been practising writing the length of their worm in a number sentence and trying to use the unit centimeter. We have been focusing on adding one more or one less number between 1 and 10 and challenging ourselves to try and go above 10! We have also been making our own patterns but this time trying to include 3 different objects rather than 2.

The highlight of the week was of course Purim! The children impressed me (and I hope you) with the knowledge of the story they had retained. They created such a fun and exciting atmosphere in the school, it was really a special day. We have also learnt a new letter, the letter nun. Please note that with Pesach coming and with so much information for the children to learn, we may not learn a new letter every week. We started to learn the Pesach story and even started to make our Haggadot!



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

The class learnt the song לֵיִצָן 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 91.15%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96 %.

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

Shabbat shalom,

Reception Team