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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1! Our topic this half term is "Achdut", Togetherness". We have loved all being together and getting to know the children. We are so proud of them this week. They have settled into their new class beautifully and have shown us what great learners they are, how helpful they are and how brilliantly they work together.

Literacy

This week we have enjoyed sharing our book "Here We Are" by Oliver Jeffers. We have discussed our place in the solar system and what is special about living on Earth. We have written some words and sentences and created posters. Our handwriting focus this week has been the correct formation and positioning of the letters c, a, o, d, g and q.

Maths

We have been sorting objects in different ways, counting objects and matching digits and words. Please practice reading and spelling the number words to ten.

Jewish Studies

In Jewish Studies this week we designed front covers for our books using 2D triangles to create a Magen David - the children put a lot of effort into their creative designs and I am really proud of their effort and focus! We listened to the shofar and learnt about the three sounds: Tekiah, Shevarim and Teruah and represented them by cutting strips of coloured paper. We slowly started to review our Aleph Bet with some Aleph Bet yoga and our Aleph Bet song and started making beautiful cards for Rosh Hashanah.

Ivrit

This week Year 1 had a recap of some of last year's greetings phrases such: נְבוּעַ טוֹב 'Shavua Tov' (Have a lovely week), שְׁלוֹם 'Shalom' (Hello/ goodbye/ peace), בּוֹקֵר טוֹב 'Boker Tov' (Good morning), יוֹם טוֹב - 'Yom Tov' (Good day), שַׁבַּת שְׁלוֹם 'Shabbat Shalom' (Have a peaceful Shabbat/Saturday), אַחַר צְהַרַיִם טוֹבִים - Achar tzahoraim tovim (Good afternoon) and לְהִתְרָאוֹת - Lehitra'ot (Goodbye/see you soon).

The class has gone over some greetings songs: 'Shavua Tov', 'Shalom shalom' 'Boker Tov' and 'Shabbat Shalom'.

Other Areas

This week we have been talking about how great it is to be back together as a whole class. We have learnt about class systems and rules. Linking with the class book, we have been labelling parts of the body. We have also looked at pictures of the solar system and talked about the planets. In PE we showed how independent we are at getting changed and we were able to follow basic instructions in different games.

Next Week

We will be using describing words to write about ourselves. We will be counting forwards and backwards and using the term more and less. We will be learning how to ask and answer scientific questions by exploring whether honey is runnier than fairy liquid. We will continue to make Rosh Hashanah cards using printing techniques and we are also excited to have our first PE lesson with Maccabi.

Ideas for things you could do at home

- 1) Give your child opportunities to develop the fine motor skills necessary for pencil control with activities such as rolling dough, using tweezers to pick up small objects such as buttons, beans and pieces of pasta, using Hama Beads. For further ideas, please visit <http://theimaginationtree.com/2013/09/40-fine-motor-skills-activities-for-kids.html>
- 2) Talk about our world. Why is our world special? What do different people do? How can we look after our world?
- 3) Practise counting forwards and backwards to 20 and beyond.
- 4) Read, read, read! Please watch Mrs Benton's video on SeeSaw about how to get the most out of your child's reading book.

Reminders

Library Monitor posters are due in by next Friday (18th September). Don't forget our Walk Once a Week (WoW) scheme. The children are excited about logging their journeys to school each day. We look forward to seeing you all walking! Reminder – Friday 18th September is Jeans for Genes day. Children should wear one item of denim clothing with the rest of their uniform. A donation of £1 is suggested. Please donate via Parent Pay.

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Our week's attendance was 97.71%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom and have a lovely weekend!

The Year One Team