

Dear Parents,

We are excited to be back in school for our final term with Year 6. We are looking forward to a very special time with Year 6. This week we launched our whole school theme of Tikkun Olam – looking after the world! Mrs Baron launched the theme in a special assembly on Monday. In Year 6 we have also been thinking about our new topic “Extreme Survivors”.

English – The children researched Yom HaAtzma’ut and found out about how Israel gained independence. They used this information along with their rhyming skills to write poems and song lyrics about Yom HaAtzma’ut which they performed on the day. Our spellings focus this week was words ending in ibly and ably. Words to practise: reasonably, responsibly, legibly, possibly, tolerably, horribly, suitably, sensibly, comfortably, irresistibly. We noticed that these are all adverbs. Please continue to practise these spelling words and use them in context. Keep working on the joined handwriting and presentation too. Please continue to encourage your children to read for pleasure and think in advance about what they would like their next library book to be.

Maths – This week we have been looking at multiples, factors and primes.

Topic – Our science and geography have been closely linked this week. We have been locating the deserts of the world and finding out about the features of a desert. We looked more closely at the Negev Desert and in particular at some of the plants and animals that are extreme survivors there. We thought about how different plants and animals are adapted to surviving the desert conditions.

In ICT we learnt about how to create a spreadsheet in Excel for budgeting and how to find totals using Σ .

In Art we launched the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition (please see email). The children looked at examples of commemorative stamps and started to design their stamp to commemorate a hero of lockdown.

Jewish Studies and Ivrit – We spent the week preparing for Yom HaAtzma’ut by researching a variety of Israel topics such as Mizrahi music, the diverse communities in Israel, Israel as a ‘start-up’ nation in groups. On Yom HaZikaron, the children took part in an assembly with Noa our shinshinit where she shared with us how Yom HaZikaron is commemorated in Israel. Noa also did a lesson with Year 6 looking at the similarity and differences between Poppy Day and Yom HaZikaron. On Yom HaAtzma’ut the children learnt new Israeli dances, made their own Israel flags after seeing some of the designs submitted for the original flag, played outdoor games by only speaking Ivrit, learnt how Ivrit came about including some Ivrit slang and learnt about the geography of Israel through a variety of games. All in all it was a wonderful Blue and White day!

Reminders:

- PE will be on Tuesdays and **Wednesdays**.
- Please ensure your child has their blue diary each day. We use these to communicate with you!
- **Please check your child’s blue diary on a daily basis**
- Tzedakah is collected every Friday and it would be wonderful if children could bring some in or if you could donate using ParentPay
- All boys need to wear a kippah and to have a spare kippah in their tray and all children need a non-uniform cap in their tray too.
- A reminder that children should not be wearing jewellery. Only plain stud earrings are permitted.

- Please check uniform fits correctly – girls’ skirts MUST reach the knee.

Things we could do at home:

The children should be reading their scheme books and other books every evening. Please ask them about the text they are reading and date and sign the blue diary each time. The school library books can be changed or renewed on Wednesdays. We are very lucky that our library is running as many schools have closed their libraries due to Covid restrictions. However many children are opting out of choosing books. ***Please talk to your child about books. We have so many amazing books in our school library for older readers. Encourage them to select a library book and invest time in reading. You can even browse our selection on Junior Librarian:***

<https://juniorclassic.microlibrarian.net/?customerid=U020627&loggedin=OGFXdk8xejQzSGtNd2hpcVNVbytlWHoxZUVWSFpPYnRNYWtEcGpjeExpSTO> Please see Seesaw for the Username and Password.

Ask your child questions about the book they are reading (remember VIPERS - Vocabulary / Inference / Prediction / Explanation / Retrieval / Summarise)

Mathletics has also been updated with this week’s focus, please ensure the children are logging in and practising.

Play games like “Articulate” and “Taboo” or “Absolute Balderdash” which all encourage children to use their imagination and develop their vocabulary and play card games and board games

Please log into Kodable for your child to become adept at coding and continue to explore Raspberry Pi

Watch and discuss the news with your child

Go on virtual tours of museums eg

Virtual tour of Fishbourne Palace <https://historyview.org/library/fishbourne-palace/>

Virtual Tour of Verulamium (in St Albans) <https://strikingplaces.com/tours/google-virtual-tour-verulamium-museum/>

Our week’s attendance was 97.14% Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 6 team