

Dear Parents,

Year 1 have had an interesting week learning about their world!

Literacy

In English this week, the children continued to explore the book '10 Things I can do to Help my World'. We re-read the book and discussed the different ways that the book suggests it can help the world. They then wrote sentences independently about what they do already to help the world and what they can do in the future to help the world. They used ideas from the book and their own thoughts to help support their writing. The children also explored the suffix 'ing' and put different 'ing' verbs into sentences.

Maths

In Maths the children recapped counting in 2s and 5s. They also learnt and practised counting in 10s. First, they found the missing numbers when counting in 10s and also recognised that when counting in tens the numbers end in a zero. They then grouped objects in 10s and used the stem sentences:

There are ____ groups of ____.

There are ____ altogether.

This is a great introduction to multiplication for the children.

On Friday, the children took part in NSPCC Number Day. They took part in the Buddy's Number Challenge where they had to answer Maths questions to find parts of a key puzzle hidden in the classroom. The children also took part in a Measure Me challenge where they worked in groups using their length knowledge to measure different parts of a shape.

Jewish Studies

This week we have been concentrating on our Hebrew reading. We have been helping each other and playing Hebrew games for our 'continued provision' for Jewish studies. This week's Parasha is Parashat Behar and we have been getting to grips with the concept of Shmitta, We spoke about how everyone needs to rest, even the land.

Important Reminder

It is imperative that all families complete Hebrew reading homework with their children at least once a week, to enable their children to improve on accuracy and fluency skills.

Ivrit

This week Year 1 carried on learning to say שמש – shemesh (sun), אש- esh (fire), מדורה- medura (Bonfire), תפוח-אדמה- tapu'ac adama (potato), בטטה - batata (sweet potato), for Lag Ba'omer, זה ze (that is – male) and זאת zot (that is – female) for Lag Ba'omer. Year 1 began carried on learning the song Esh bo'eret - מירב האוסמן / שיר ילדים ל"ג בעומר אש בוערת

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lCguENW9so>

Other subject areas

The children have spent the first part of the week exploring their bean plant. They looked at how their plant has grown and drew what they saw. They wrote a sentence to describe what they could see and how their bean has grown. The children also had a session about **NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe**. They watched an online assembly that introduced them to Buddy who believes that all children have the right to be safe and able to speak out if something is making them worried or unhappy. They then took part in various activities which explored who they could turn to in school and out of school as a trusted adult. Finally, they designed their own happy place. The children can continue to design their own happy place on the Childline website here: [Build Your Happy Place | Childline](#)

Things you can do at home with your child

- Practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. There are some great songs here: <https://themumeducates.com/counting-in-2s-5s-and-10s-in-year-1/>
- Practice and revise number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Practice letter formation (this can be done with play dough, writing in the air, on a whiteboard) – look back at the handwriting videos on Seesaw for support
- Practice listening games with your child such as 'Simon Says' to improve their listening skills
- Read, read, read! You can record your child reading for Seesaw and I can ask some follow up questions. Additionally, there are usually some comprehension, vocabulary, prediction questions at the front of your child's reading book

- 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.

Reminders

- Please remember to send in library books on **Mondays** as this is the day the children can choose new ones.
- English reading books are changed on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.
- We are changing phonics books on **Fridays**.
- When the school day is over and you are waiting in school, please make sure your child isn't using the playground equipment.
- Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform (for PE as well), if you are unsure please check the uniform list.
- Tzedakah is collected every Friday and it would be wonderful if children could bring some in or if you could donate using ParentPay.

On Saturday 8th May it is VE Day. Our Home Learning this week is focused on this.

Next week is Mental Health Awareness week. Throughout the week we will be completing a range of different activities that focus on nature, self-care and ways to calm down

Our week's attendance was 100%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

Miss Rich, Rabbi Herman and the Year 1 team