

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely week. We enjoyed celebrating the end of Sukkot in school and have continued with our topic 'How are You?'

Maths: We have been consolidating our Place value of representing numbers to 50 and then to 100. The children have been practicing using: number lines, dienes, rekenrek and counters. We have introduced the children to the NCTEM mastering numbers programme. This week the program focused on recognising amounts without counting. We will also be consolidating the use of tens and ones within 50 and 100.

English: This week In English we have continued reading the book 'Beegu'. The children expressed their views on the story and gave reasons for their views. They then looked at different adjectives to describe Beegu and think about his feelings and used hot-seating as a way of asking the character questions.

Topic: In Science we recapped what a healthy diet means, introducing the children to the term 'balanced diet'. In Art, we learnt how to create self-portraits using mirrors to look carefully at our features in order to draw them accurately. We have also started to explore the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo and his portraits which use fruit and vegetables to depict faces.

Jewish Studies: This week the children in Year Two began learning to write their Hebrew script letter starting from the letter Aleph. The children painted, created and drew this letter in their new script books.

We also discussed the story of creation, focussing on Shabbat.

Next week: In English, we will be learning about the past tense. We will be checking our understanding of the difference of questions and sentences. We will be retelling the story of Beegu and planning a recount using a story map to retell the story to Beegu's parents. The children will then be writing their recount as a postcard.

In Maths, we will be having a understanding of addition and subtract facts to 20. We will be recapping the use of the addition, subtraction and equals signs. We will then focus on counting forwards and backwards to 50 and 100. We will also be exploring the greater than, less than and equals to signs.

Linking our topic with Black History Month, we will be setting the classroom role play area into a hospital and will be exploring Mary Seacole. We will also be exploring the hygiene measures needed for keeping healthy when preparing food. In Computing, we will be programming the BeeBots to move on a map to find out where Mary Seacole was born.

Things to note:

Please could your child come to school in their PE kits on a Monday and a Thursday.

Please continue to read with your child.

Remember, October is Walk to School Month!

Our week's attendance was almost at 89.93%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

The Year 2 Team