

Dear Parents,

What a lovely week it's been, the children have really adapted to the school routines and learning practices. We have been spending a lot of time discussing expected behaviours for a positive community and safe environments. We have to say that Year 4 are wonderful to teach!

English

In English, the children have been working on developing their writing skills by using adverbs and wow words to improve their literary skills. This is coming along very well, they are enjoying English and we hope this comes across at home too.

Maths

In Maths, we are now counting in intervals of 25, as part of place value. We will be continuing with this over the next few days. It is interesting to see the children spot the recurring patterns, when multiplying new numbers. It has been Chocolate week and we have had a lot of fun, using chocolate in our maths sessions, sharing them into fractions.

History

In History, we have been looking at Una Marson, a Black history personality, who influenced the Caribbean and African community in Britain with her work as a feminist, activist, poet and writer and running plays and radio programmes through her employment for the BBC. This links nicely with the home learning they were set last week. Well done to the children who read their poems on Seesaw.

Jewish Studies

This week in Chumash we came to understand that Avraham and Lot could not share the land for two reasons, one being it was too small and the second being their shepherds could not get along. We also learnt about the Parasha Lech Lecha and realised the importance of performing acts of kindness. We have also been practising reading with meaning.

Ivrit

This week we continued to establish class rules and repeated classroom language in Ivrit: שלום, תודה, אוכל, במקשה, להצביע, להקשיב, לכבד, לשבת, פיסא, שולחן, עיפרון, מים, לפתוח, לסגור, למעלה, למטה, מים, אוכל through different activities.

Next week we will learn about the history of the Hebrew language and discuss - why are we learning Ivrit?

Home learning

Home learning this week children have been provided with a hard copy multiplication task and adverb task set on Seesaw.

Those children who have not yet started working on their set mathematics, please have a look at it and attempt completing them. Those who have completed them can still play some of the games that allow them to earn points.

Reminders

The children have been prompt with attendance, thank you parents for keeping this up. The attendance this week has been commendable. The attendance this week was 100%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. Please also make a note in the green home liaison book if your child is unable to take part in PE for some reason.

Library books can be changed each week during our library session on Fridays. Please remind your child to bring in his or her library book.

Please continue to read with your child and ask them questions to develop their comprehension skills.

Remember, October is Walk to School Month!

Things you could do at home:

Practise tables and number bonds

Practise handwriting – remember, capital letters are tall and sit on the line!

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

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

Play card games and board games

Watch and discuss the news with your child

Shabbat Shalom,

The Year 4 Team