



Curriculum Evening - Monday 8th October 2018



Kodesh in Year 6



Tefillah

- The children start the day off with Shacharit.
- Rosh Chodesh – sing Hallel in Shul with the whole school.
- They are encouraged to look inside and question different tefillot.
- We will go through the daily Tefillot, their translation and deeper meaning and insights so as to enhance the children's appreciation and value of Tefillah and improve their Kavanah when they daven. This will be done through the use of stories, questions and interactive programmes.

Hebrew Reading Practice

- There will be two reading programmes. One in school which will cover our 17 reading rules in a fun and engaging way.
- The second programme will be at home which will be a set daily reading of max. 2 minutes.
- It is important that children continue to practise reading on a regular basis, in order to ensure they maintain and strengthen their skills and confidence.
- The children will also be heard in school as often as possible, and have all already been assessed this academic year.

Chumash

- We are going to continue using the highly regarded NRPS Year Six Chumash Curriculum. This is a professionally designed rigorous programme which sets clear learning outcomes for Knowledge, Skills and Understanding, provides quality paper and digital resources.
- We have started Parashat Bamidbar and will aim to learn through, Behaalotecha, Shelach Lecha, Korach and Chukat.
- The Curriculum is focused on children building strong textual skills, which help them build the ability and confidence to tackle Chumash texts independently.
- We are introducing a brand new vocabulary programme made up of 27 levels which covers 85% of the vocabulary that come up in Tanach. In Year 6 we will be aiming to cover levels 1-27. All the levels can be found on <https://quizlet.com/1Conway613/folders/biblical-hebrew-vocab/sets>
- Support at home will be important for maximising the benefits of the curriculum.

Parashah

- Every week, we will learn the weekly Parsha, Aliya by Aliya, giving a detailed storyline.
- The children will also be given a Dvar Torah which should be discussed over Shabbat and then brought back on Monday morning.
- The class newsletter is also sent home each Friday.

Ivrit

- This year in Hebrew we will be focusing a lot on the speaking skills which will help the children to have more confidence to speak only in Hebrew in the lessons. Every week the children will learn 5-10 new words which they will get a vocabulary test on. We will also have reading comprehension and lots of exercises which will help the children to practise their listening and writing skills. We will be using many games and some songs to help the children learn the language easily. Homework and tests will be giving out weekly.

General Knowledge

- The GK curriculum includes several elements: General Knowledge, Halachah and Pirkei Avot. The children will also be revising over the GK curriculum taught in both KS1 and KS2.
- The children will build and extend their knowledge in these different areas through discussion and a variety of learning activities, including the use of our school 1:1 iPads. The children's learning will be strengthened through constant review and regular assessment. Reinforcement at home will also be of great benefit.
- After SATs, we will be launching the new NRPS Contest Book.

Gemara

- The boys will be learning Gemara Masechet Kiddushin with Rabbi Yossi.
- They will receive an introduction to Gemara learning and the skills necessary to understand it.

Halacha and Nach

- The girls will be learning Halacha with Rabbi Conway using the www.torahlive.com platform. The topics they will be learning are - Shabbat, Netilat Yedayim, Brachot and Kashrut.
- The girls will be learning Shmuel Aleph concentrating on the leaders, society and textual skills.

Script Writing

- Children are encouraged to write in script for all Hebrew writing.

Middot

- Each week we will go through a different Middah or character trait in class using different sources such as Pirkei Avot and Michtav M'Eliyahu.
- We will discuss different examples of scenarios and situations we might find ourselves in and how we can deal with them. Examples are Chesed, Tzedaka, judging favourably etc.

Homework

- Chumash Chazara (revision) will be given daily and will take no more than 5 minutes.
- We value the support that parents provide in supporting children with any Kodesh homework
- Each class will provide specific guidance regarding Kodesh homework, when it will be given, when it should be handed in, and so on.

Informal Learning

- The more informal aspects of the children's learning are often among the most powerful and memorable
- These include:
 - Friday Shabbat Parties, in which the children 'make Kiddush' and sing some Shabbat zemirot
 - 'Tzivos Hashem Workshops,' in which the children are given hands on experiences related to a range of mitzvot
 - Practice Sedarim, which provide valuable preparation for Pesach
 - Friday Assemblies, which include a variety of presentations from children in different year groups, and lots of singing
 - Our new weekly Jewish Singing sessions with Rav Yehonatan Malachi
 - The Reception Siddur Party and Yr.1 Chumash Party

- Special activity days, such as on Yom Ha'Atzma'ut, create a wonderful festive atmosphere throughout the school. The children come to love our annual celebrations through such fun events

Home-School Links

- The full richness of children's Jewish learning and development is achieved through a strong partnership between home and school
- We thank parents for working in partnership with the school in supporting their children's studies. The following are examples of where parents' help is valuable:
 - Hebrew Reading Practice
 - Discussing the weekly Parashah Questions and Divrei Torah at the Shabbat table
 - Doing Chumash review and preparation
 - Encouraging the singing of zemirot at the Shabbat table
 - Discussing General Jewish Knowledge with your children
 - Reading a variety of Jewish books together (e.g. on Mitzvot and Middot, Biographies of great Torah personalities, Nach stories)
 - Encouraging your children to say berachot and Birkat Hamazon regularly, and the Bedtime Shema

I look forward to us all getting only continued Nachat from the children.

Kind regards

Rabbi Conway