

Year 6 Newsletter 02-11-18

Dear Parents

We have started our new topic called 'What's Up There?' The children are welcome to bring in any items on Space to enhance our learning. Our assembly this week was celebrating Black History Month and we also watched a short animation about Poppy Day. We celebrated some handwriting achievements in Year 6 and also enjoyed a talk from Rabbi Ziedman about how 'making small changes can make a big difference'.

English – This week we started our class reader, 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce. If your child has a copy of this at home, they are welcome to bring it in. We will be using this as the basis for our English work. In SPAG, we have been revising adjectives and prepositions and continuing to look at the spellings from our list and ways to learn them.

Maths – In Maths this week we have been exploring the best strategies to use when solving missing number problems involving the addition and subtractions of large numbers in different real-life contexts. We have also returned to place value, looking at the values of the digits in decimal numbers up to 3 decimal places. We drew numberlines and placed the decimal values in the correct position on the numberlines and rounded the numbers to the nearest tenth (or one decimal place).

Topic – We have had a deep discussion about why people thought that Earth was flat and the evidence they used to prove this. We discussed the evidence scientists now have to show that Earth is a sphere. We are researching planets and looking at statements about Space, deciding whether they are true or false.

Jewish Studies - We have been working on Gematria (Hebrew numbers) this week. In addition we have revised Hebrew script and discussed all the important keywords for our new Chumash unit.

IVRIT - Year 6 has started a new topic on birth dates. The new key words are:

אֵייר (Iyar) נִיסָן (Nisan) אָדָר (Adar) שְׁבַט (Shvat) טֵבֵט (Tevet) כִּסְלֵו (Kislev) חֶשְׁוֹן (Cheshvan) תִּשְׁרֵי (Tishrei) סִיּוֹן (Sivan) תַּמּוּז (Tamuz) אָב (Av) אֱלּוּל (Elul) חוֹדֶשׁ (Chodesh - month) נוֹלַדְתֶּם (Noladetem – you were born, plural) נוֹלַדְתָּ (Noladet – you were born, singular masculine) נוֹלַדְתְּ (Noladeta – you were born, singular feminine) נוֹלַדְתִּי (Noladeti – I was born) שְׁבוּעַ הַבָּא (Shavua haba – next week) נוֹלַד – (Nolad – was born, singular masculine) נוֹלַדָּה (Nolda – was born, singular feminine) מַתַּי נוֹלַדְתִּי? (Matai noladeti? – when was I born?)

The class began learning the song Kan Noladeti, Here I was born כאן נולדתי

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlyZzi-gvFc>

Reminders – The children must be reading their scheme books out loud every evening. Please ask them comprehension questions about the text they are reading and date and sign the blue diary each time. The children should also be reading their 'home' books as well. The school library books can be changed or renewed on Tuesdays or in Library Club on Wednesdays.

Please ensure your child has their blue diary each day. If they are being collected by someone else to usual, this must be recorded in the diary on the day.

All boys need a spare kippah in their tray and all children need a non-uniform cap in their tray too.

Our week's attendance was 97.44%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Best wishes

Mrs Levy and the Year 6 team