

Dear Parents

We have been very busy this week getting ready for Chanukah! In Jewish Studies we have been very busy finishing up our Chanukiot. We created them as dreidels and the children had a lot of fun manipulating the clay and painting them once they were dry. We have also spent time on the classroom door creating a very special scene with glitter and our beautiful writing- this year we are sure to win! We haven't forgotten our Hebrew letters during all this excitement. We have learnt the letter 'hey' which makes a 'h' sound. We hopped outside and raced our friends just like the letter hey has to hop because it has a 'broken leg' ה.

This week the children have continued being super writers! They have created their own books and have even written words and sounds that they have learnt. This shows great progression throughout the past few weeks where they have been making books. The children are learning how to write each other's name as well. This has been handy when we've been making our friendship themed Chanukah door. The children loved having a music session with Mrs Ansher, they learnt Chanukah songs, spun around like dreidels and are really looking forward to another Chanukah singing session next week!

The children have been making patterned peg board pictures of Chanukiot and dreidels. They have also been trying to make symmetrical Chanukiot with Numicon. We have continued to learn about adding one more and taking one away. It was lovely to see the children adding the dots on the dominoes in the playground independently. We have been looking at capacity and volume, and the children have enjoyed filling containers with different materials, such as sand, water beads and water.

In PE this week we focussed on balancing and going slowly. The children had to balance balls on racquets and walked around the hall. They were great!!

Reception learnt to use the words כן (Ken – yes), לא (Lo – no), או (O- or), ו... (Ve – and), (Achshav – now), אומר (Omer – say, masculine), אומרת (Omeret – say, feminine), אני (Ani-I am), עכשיו (Achshav- now), את (At-you female), אתה (Ata-you male), מי (Mi- who), גם (Gam – also), מאוד נעים (Na'im me'od – nice to meet you). The class enjoyed beginning to learn about Channukah and learnt the song סוב סוב סוב סוב (Sevimon sov sov sov – dreidel spin spin spin). You can find the song we learnt at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oh1xNFsrMoA>

Watch this Space!

We are fundraising through Rocket Fund to develop our resources in Computing. Please watch out for the email next week which will enable you to click on the link and help us meet our target to buy resources to support the children's learning! Please share with family, friends and colleagues.

Shabbat Shalom  
Reception Team



