

Kitta Aleph News

A Peek at our Week

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Our Learning This Week



Happy New Year and welcome back to school! The last week and a half has been jammed pack and started off our New Year with a bang. We began our new topic of "What makes me who I am?" and thought about what that might mean. The children looked at the different parts of a flower and the jobs they do before learning the different elements that help a plant grow strong and tall. We then learnt what the word photosynthesis means and thought about how different settings around the world (or even out of this world!) may or may not be the best place to try and grow a plant. Our topic work finished off this week by sequencing the life cycle of a plant. Kitta Aleph really showed they have green fingers by putting the steps in the correct order very quickly indeed.

Literacy

In our Literacy work we began looking at traditional tales. We read the story 'The Enormous Turnip'. We compared this story to other favourite Traditional Tales of ours like 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Three Little Pigs' and discovered that although the plot may be different, each story follows the same set of features. The children boxed up the different parts of the stories sharing the Beginning, Problem, Resolution and Ending. They were then pushed to share their opinions of "The Enormous Turnip" and explain why they enjoyed their favourite part so much, to a partner and then in their books. We also had a go at retelling the story to each other ordering pictures so that the story made sense. We talked about how the main events have to be in the correct order for the story to make sense.



Maths



This week we looked at the relationship between numbers. The children practised their skills of doubling numbers and then using near doubles to solve more complicated equations. They were very good at using their doubling skills to work out the answer to our tricky questions! We then moved on to using our number bonds to look at the relationship between a number and a teen number, for example we knew that $3 + 4 = 7$ so therefore we knew that $13 + 4 = 17$. Later in the week the children created equations out of cubes to balance our scales. This was a real challenge for Kitta Aleph but they showed the Yavneh way and were very resilient the whole time. We have finished our week by introducing the concept of Place Value. The children completed a carousel of activities looking at tens and ones and what they represent in a number.

Kitta Aleph Notices

Our Chagiggat Ha Siddur is only 3 weeks away now on 31st January. Please keep practising your child's lines with them at home so that they are said with lots of expression.