

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **National story telling week– pupils homework around ‘getting caught reading!’**
- **30th January– Bring a dad/ significant male into school day**
- **6th February– Science day exhibition after school in dining hall**
- **10th February– last day of this half term**
- **20th February– children back at school**

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20th January 2023

27 Tevet 5783

Parasha: Va'eira

**Shabbat time: Starts Friday at 4.13pm and ends Saturday at 5.22pm**

Welcome back to a new year and a new term. We are all really excited to get back on with our learning. As you are aware we had an OFSTED inspection last week. We are not allowed to say much until the report is published. Thank you all for your survey responses. Our happy children meant that we had happy inspectors!

In Early years their topic is 'Space'. The children have been designing aliens.



They have also been thinking about life in Space and made a huge rocket ship outside.



Year 1 and 2 have been learning about friends and relationships in PHSCE-

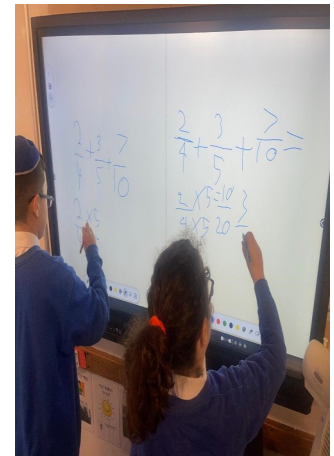


Children took part in circle time and talking about 'what makes a good friend'.



Children also acted out real life problem scenarios then worked together to resolve problems and discuss different strategies they could try when faced with similar situations both in school and out of school.

As a school we have all been working with 'meta-cognition (thinking about thinking). Children have really started to embed this in their work and particularly in their thinking. Here we see Benjamin and Danya working on their knowledge of fractions.



Danya explains her thinking by telling the class "When I add/subtract fractions with different denominators, I need to find a common multiple of the different denominators. I do this and choose the lowest common multiple before converting and adding all the numerators'. Pupils are increasingly encouraged to explain their thinking and conclusions.

**Go Simon Marks!**

Ms Metin– Headteacher and the Simon Marks team.