

TLC Nursery @ Nishmas
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Parshas Emor אָמֹר

Parshas Beshalach

“Children are like wet cement...Whatever falls on them makes an impression”

Hello Mums and Dads, Dear Mums, Dads, Grandmas and Granddads

We hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday!

This week, as Lag B’Omer is on Thursday, we focused on this Chag. The children continued to make their bonfire art collages and had lots of fun with very sticky tissue paper! We spoke about the custom to have bonfires and bbqs at which point some of the children began to dreamily reminisce about toasted marshmallows! We spoke again about the fact that Lag B’Omer is such a happy day because Rabbi Shimon taught us all the Torah he had learnt whilst hiding from the Romans. We told the children that we are so lucky that we get to do davening, brochos, benching and wear tzitzits etc because Rabbi Shimon wasn’t allowed to do any of these things.

This week’s Sedra is Emor. The Parsha talks about all the Chagim throughout the year. The children had fun remembering all the Chagim that they learnt about and celebrated so far this year! We spoke about the Shofar on Rosh Hashana, matzah on Pesach (which was easier to remember being so recent!) and waving a Lulav and Esrog on Succoth. What amazing memories the children have!

Tuesday: Today was exciting for the children as we had our new sand/water tray delivered and a big set of new wooden building blocks. The sand/water tray is much larger than the one we had and is built on wooden legs. All the children that had fun using it used their space effectively! WELL DONE CHILDREN! As for the new blocks, the children used their imagination to build a variety of structures. Block play supports children’s Personal, Social and Emotional Development as it’s a safe way for them to express emotions particularly if children are small-world playing. Building something that wasn’t there before and being able to express ideas in this way raises children confidence and self-esteem and of course working together with other children provides opportunities for practicing turn-taking, sharing and negotiating. Block playing also supports their communication and language skills as talking to them about what they are building supports conversational skills and expressing ideas. Block playing is great for developing positional language too such as ‘on top of’, ‘next to’, ‘behind’ etc. Hand and finger strength is also developed as children manipulate smaller blocks and the control of large motor muscle groups are refined during the use of the larger blocks.

Wednesday: Today was our ‘Show and Tell’ day, so thank you to all the children who brought in a special item. We had a hairdryer, Peppa Pig, a lovely drum, a Torah plush, a teddy bear where the child can practice doing a shoe lace up, pull a zip up and down and do a button up, a little toy sippy cup that looked like it



had real orange juice in it, a talking alphabet bus, a lovely book that was read to all the children and much more! WELL DONE AND THANK YOU CHILDREN!

We had lots of painting on large pieces of paper which were stuck to the floor so that the children could express what they were painting and use their little imaginations....One girl told us that she was painting 'a beautiful world' another was painting 'the stars', another was painting 'all the colours', another 'grass and the sky'. Such lovely use of vocabulary to express what they were painting. They experimented with colour, design and texture and they all used their space effectively and observing their fine motor skills; we must tell you that they are developing so well!

Thursday: HAPPY LAG B'OMER! If you are doing a Bon Fire or having a BBQ today then ENJOY!!! Today we had lots of fun celebrating Lag B'Omer!!! To compensate for not being able to make a bon fire or BBQ (of course)...we danced and we danced and we danced! We played musical statues and then we changed the style a little and the children had to sit on their bottoms when the music stopped...this one they loved! Then we baked fairy cakes with the children. Of course we added a little education to our day today so we practiced our phonic song and sang lots of counting songs with the corresponding actions! We are pretty sure your children will sleep well tonight.....And so will their teachers. CHILDREN, HOW MUCH FUN DID WE HAVE TODAY!!!! HOORAY!!!!

Friday: Mummy and Daddy Shabbos today are: Odelia and Elai

Book of the Week: Over in the Meadow (Louise Voce)

Hope you all have had a lovely Lag B'Omer and wishing you a peaceful Shabbos!

The TLC Team.

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