**Oak Class Newsletter 10**  **Friday 14.07.2017**

This week, we have been finding out about Wimbledon tennis! We used Newsround to learn about the tournament and we watched footage of tennis matches. We also learnt about the players and we thought about who might win. Afterwards, in PE, we learnt some tennis skills and we had lots of fun playing tennis with our friends.

We have learnt another ‘space’ song about the planets, and we can recite the planets’ names, in their order from the sun! We sing it to the tune of ‘If you go down to the woods today…’. We have read lots of books, including ‘Goodnight Spaceman’. We couldn’t believe that Tim Peake has included a real letter at the start of the book (although he isn’t the author of the story). We loved reading his letter and we really enjoyed the story so you can imagine our excitement when we watched Tim reading the same story from space! Tim had taken part in the CBeebies Bedtime Story – and he read the story for everybody on Earth to hear. What a treat! There are lots of Bedtime Stories on the CBeebies website which you can enjoy at home.

We had great fun with our own rocket, too! We used an air-powered rocket outside and we tried to send it to the moon. We loved watching the launch each time we sent it up – but thankfully, it returned to us here on Earth after each blast-off!

Mrs Ellis, our wonderful parent volunteer, brought in a special treat for us today…real astronaut food! We couldn’t believe that she had found packs of freeze-dried ice cream and the packaging said that it is eaten by NASA astronauts! We all excitedly tasted it and we imagined how Tim Peake might have felt eating it. It tasted unusual and it wasn’t even cold! We are very grateful to Mrs Ellis for being so kind. What a great experience!

In our work on expressive arts, we listened to the beautiful poem by Walter de la Mare, called ‘Silver’, which explains how moonlight turns everything silver. We used a wonderful picture book of the poem and the children were captivated! Afterwards, we used metallic silver paint and black paper to respond to the poem. It was lots of fun!

The lovely Mrs Rees brought in a tank for us, which was full of creatures that had been caught in our school pond. We were very excited to find tiny frogs, tadpoles, a developing dragonfly, pond skaters and snails in the murky water. In the afternoon, we put the creatures back into the pond so that they could re-join the rest of the wildlife there.

This afternoon, we were invited to watch the dress rehearsal of ‘The Wizard of Oz’. We loved seeing the costumes and the songs were brilliant! The main performance will be at Lakers School this evening.

**NOTICES**

**Annual Reports**

Your child will be bringing their Annual Report home today. We are required to report on each of the Early Learning Goals in the Early Years Foundation Stage. The children have been an absolute delight to work with and their progress and attainment has been fantastic. There will be a ‘drop-in’ parents’ evening next Tuesday if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s report.

**Reading Books**

Please remember to aim for at least five minutes of daily reading with your child. Regular book-sharing makes a huge difference to the children’s progress and attainment in reading.

**Lost Property**

Please have a look at home for **Harry’s new blue coat**. His kit has been found! ☺

Please let us know if you would like anything added to the newsletter.

Don’t forget that I am available at the end of each day (when all of the children have been safely collected) if you wish to discuss anything.

Many thanks,

**Mrs. S Breakwell**