**Oak Class Newsletter 6**  **Friday 16.06.2017**

This week, we have enjoyed taking part in Money Week. All classes have been exploring their understanding of money. In Oak Class, we have practised recognising different coins (and we try to remember that brown/copper coins are worth the least, silver coins are worth more and gold coins are worth the most). We noticed that the new one pound coin looks like a smaller version of the two pound coin. We also used price tags to think about which coins should be used for different costs and we even started to think about change! The Early Learning Goal for Shape, Space and Measure states that we should use everyday language to talk about money, compare amounts and to solve problems. We have worked really hard on this aspect of our Mathematics this week and now, when we play in our shop, we use real prices and we try to think about which coins to use.

In PE, we used a range of equipment (including skipping ropes, tennis rackets, balls and stilts) to practise our balance and coordination. We also used our wheeled vehicles. The scooter was very popular and the children showed fantastic teamwork when using the pull-along trailer.

In Language and Literacy, we have written about Handa’s experiences. We tasted pineapple and mango and the overwhelming response was that they were DELICIOUS! Next week, we will be reading another book by Eileen Browne (our Author of the Month) called ‘Handa’s Hen’.

We’ve enjoyed listening to a range of texts including ‘Oliver’s Vegetables’ and ‘Plants on my Plate’. This week, during snack time, we have tasted red, yellow and orange (snack-size) peppers. Lots of us were surprised by how tasty they were. With Mrs Rees, we used oil pastels and paints to create pictures of pineapples, mangoes, avocado, bananas and oranges. We looked closely at the variation in colour on the skin of each food and we worked really hard to represent the different shapes.

In Computing, we have really enjoyed using the iPads this week. We can all use the ‘Home’ button and we have explored an App called ‘Skitch’, where we created pictures using pen tools, shapes and stampers. It was really good fun and we are looking forward to using them again next week.

Today, with Miss Rickards, we created a futuristic character. We also did the dance that we learnt last week, to a song that we loved (called ‘The World’s Greatest’)!

**NOTICES**

**Reading Books**

If your child has read their book(s), we have been changing them immediately. Some children’s books are being changed every single day – which is fantastic. Please aim to read for five minutes with your child each day.

**Transition Day**

Next Wednesday (21st June), Oak Class will be spending a day in Chestnut Class. The children are really excited about it!

**Lost Property**

Please send in any clothing that your child has accidentally taken home (if it does not belong to them). Thank you.

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**