

Friday 8th May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the Ducks have had a short but engaging week of learning. We have been exploring the story of The Gingerbread Man and learning about the important lessons from the story. We talked about listening to our trusted adults and began introducing the idea of keeping safe in a fun and age-appropriate way. The children enjoyed making their own gingerbread person, decorating, drawing and painting them creatively. This activity supported both creativity and fine motor skills. In maths, we focused on matching numbers to amounts, with the children counting out the correct number of buttons and also counting out the amounts of different characters from the story. In phonics, we continued developing skills through fun games and activities, focusing on segmenting, blending, and building simple words. They are beginning to hear, recognise and form words with increasing confidence. For handwriting, we practised the letter a, and revisited c and o. We have also enjoyed making gingerbread biscuits, taking turns to mix, knead and cut the dough. The children will take their biscuits home and are looking forward to enjoying and eating them later. We also had our school photographs this week, and everyone arrived with beautiful smiles and lots of enthusiasm. We are sure the photos will look absolutely lovely. You will find details on how to order photos in the book bags.

There has been plenty of indoor and outdoor play, with the children enjoying an active and engaging Forest School session. They explored and learned about animal and bird habitats and worked together to build dens and nests for forest animals. Although it has been a short week, it has been very busy, creative and full of learning.

Next week: The Three Little Pigs

Literacy: We will be introducing Phase 2 digraphs (two letters making one sound) and exploring these through word blending and word building activities. Exploring the story of The Three Little pigs, retelling it and learning new words. We will continue supporting some children with consolidating their recognition and recall of single letter sounds.

Handwriting: Curly caterpillar letters d and g; working on pencil grip and control.

Maths: Exploring simple 2D and 3D shapes.

Understanding of the World: Forest school at Holland Park. Exploring, role playing and building houses for the Three Little Pigs, thinking about how to make them strong to keep the wolf out.

Arts and Crafts: Making and creating Three Little Pigs themed crafts.

Snack: Melon, cucumbers, satsumas, sweetcorn & peas.

Notices:

We are excited to welcome the fire brigade, who will be visiting us on Wednesday 13th, assuming they aren't called to an emergency.

Kindly remember to check your child's book bag and remove any work that has been sent home.

We have organised a tooth brushing session with the RBKC oral health promotion team on 20th May - please could you complete and return the consent form in your child's book bag.

Please contact Clare Frost if you would like to read a story to the children this term.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Eby and Miss Zara