



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another exciting, busy and engaging week of learning for all the Ducks with our theme of The Three Little Pigs. The children have enjoyed listening to the story and explored important messages such as being brave and working hard. They made their own pigs and lots of crafts through painting, sticking and drawing activities, helping to develop creativity and fine motor skills. They also had lots of fun with sensory slime play, washing and cleaning the pigs in soapy water.

In phonics, we introduced digraphs and learned how two letters can make one sound. Through games, actions and interactive activities, we explored the sounds ck, ff, ll, ss, zz, ch, ng, sh, th and qu. The children practised saying and recognising these sounds and began blending simple words containing them. Handwriting focused on forming the letters d, g and a. In maths, we focused on recognising and identifying 2D and 3D shapes, including a fun shape hunt in the classrooms and in the garden.

The children were also fascinated to revisit the plants we had grown before half-term during our learning about how plants grow. They observed that the plants without soil or sunlight did not grow as well as the plants that had soil, water and sunlight.

One of the highlights of the week was a very special visit from the firefighters. The children enjoyed learning about fire safety, spraying water using the hose and climbing onto the fire truck.

Next week: Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Literacy: We will read and explore the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears together as a group. In **phonics**, we will revisit digraphs to help consolidate learning and recognition, and we will begin introducing some Phase 2 tricky words.

Handwriting: Final curly caterpillar letter, q, before moving on to our long ladder letters: l, i and t. Please continue to practise and review these at home with your child.

Maths: Exploring capacity using language such as full, half-full and empty. Also, sorting and comparing sizes using words such as small, medium and large.

Personal Social and Emotional Development: Through role play and discussions linked to the story, we will explore different emotions such as happy, sad, surprised, worried and scared.

Understanding of the World: The children will explore and taste porridge during snack time as part of our story theme. We will also continue exploring the garden, watering and caring for our plants. At Forest School in Holland Park, we will be going on a bug hunt and investigating different insects and mini-beasts.

Arts and Crafts: Artist of the Month project, where we will explore the work of Dutch artist Piet Mondrian and create artwork inspired by his style. We will also be making Goldilocks and the Three Bears themed crafts.

Snack: Raisins & rice cakes, porridge, peppers & cucumbers, satsumas

Notices:

We look forward to seeing you for the Parent Teacher Meetings next week to discuss your child's progress.

The last day of this half term will be 22nd May before the May break.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Zara and Miss Eby