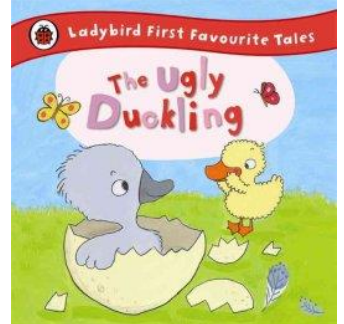


# Peek at the Week

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October

We have had a very busy week in Waveney Class. Our theme story this week was The Ugly Duckling. We listened to the story, then drew and labelled our favourite part. We sequenced events in the story by drawing two, three, four or five pictures and saying what happened 'after that'. We learned about the life cycle of a swan and some children put the pictures in order. Some children knew that a baby swan is called a cygnet. We watched some



videos of swans and cygnets swimming on a river and described the Ugly Duckling, who was a cygnet, and a swan. Some of us wrote or copied initial letter sounds and some of us wrote or copied the dominant sounds by segmenting. We watched clips of The Dance of the Cygnets from the Swan Lake ballet and the children copied some of the movements in small groups.

We talked about emotions we might feel in various situations and used mirrors to look at how our faces look when we are feeling them.



We have been pulling our best happy, sad, excited and cross faces, then talking about why we might be feeling like that.

We used marbling inks to create egg shapes, made ducklings by printing handprints and put them together using a split pin, so it looked like the chick is hatching. We worked together to make a fantastic nest using natural materials to put the chicks in too.



In **Maths**, we investigated number 6 in many ways. We all made 6 using a variety of maths apparatus. We used ducks to explore subtraction. We learnt that cubes and cuboids have six flat surfaces and found some in the environment. We used cubes for printing, making pictures with squares.



In **Phonics** we have continued working on segmenting words into letter sounds by listening and played games to develop these skills. We have also continued to practise making pure sounds at the beginning of words.

The **Nursery** children have also made super playdough ducklings and used feathers to decorate them.



Well done to Barclay who is Waveney Class's Star of the week! He has done some amazing drawings and used fantastic sentences to retell his reading book. Well done!

**THANK YOU** for coming to the parents' consultation evenings. We hope you are as impressed as we are with the way your children have made such a good start to their Reception year. We appreciated all your positive comments about your children's learning and the classroom environment. Thank you. If you didn't take home the 'Ways to help your child with writing in Reception' sheet, we have some available in the classroom.

**REMINDER** The Walk on the Wild Side is on Thursday morning and we are walking to the Chapel for a Harvest celebration on Friday morning.

## Home Learning

### Nursery

Sing 5 little ducks went swimming one day. Use pictures of chicks to help you. Take one away each time and say how many are left.

### Reception

Use an egg box and six of two types of objects, e.g. eggs, conkers, marbles or acorns. Put different amounts of the objects and make an addition sum. E.g. 4 conkers plus 2 eggs makes 6 altogether.

Have a go at writing the numbers.

Have a super weekend! Waveney Class Team