

Foundation

Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break. It was so nice to see the children again and to hear about their adventures. Thank you for helping the children to complete their holiday scrapbooks – we have enjoyed sharing them with the children. The performance group 'Claytime' visited on Thursday. The children (and adults) watched in amazement as they moulded clay into a variety of story characters which had been suggested by the children. After the performance, all enjoyed designing their own model using clay and displaying them as a whole year group. Photographs from this performance can be viewed on the VLE.

We have also been practising the correct formation of the digits 1 and 2.

For Maths homework this week we would like you to play some dice games. You may wish to play a simple board game or roll dice, take that number of toys/pasta pieces/counters out of a box. Questions you may like to ask your child as you play include:

- What does the dice say?
- Is that more than/less than/the same as your last roll?
- How many toys/pasta pieces/counters do you have altogether?

Our junk modelling supplies are running low. Please send in clean boxes, cardboard rolls, egg boxes or bottles for the children to make their models from. Please note that we are a nut free school, so we ask that containers must not have had products with nuts in – thank you!

Next week, we will begin our new topic 'When I grow up' by thinking about how we have changed from when we were a baby. Please send in a photo of your child as a baby, to help with this, on Monday. Also, we will resume Phonic Book 2.

For your information, we start weekly Spanish lessons with Señoría O'Reilly, and adventures in 'The Wild Place' begin on Thursday 18th January. The children will visit The Wild Place once a fortnight on Thursdays and Fridays in a mixed-class group. Photos will appear on the VLE in the Foundation Gallery.

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