

Foundation

The children thoroughly enjoyed the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' this week. They used small world resources to act out the story during independent play, with lots of 'trip trapping' over the bridge! As usual, most children enjoyed the part when the troll fell in to the water; this sparked a wealth of discussion about what the troll might look like. The children then used their ideas to create their own trolls out of clay. They also enjoyed Engineering as they worked together to build bridges suitable for goats to cross! Also, this week saw the first Spanish lessons for FLW with Sra. O'Reilly, where children learnt to greet their friends in Spanish. Due to our Drama performance, FCB and FCH will start their Spanish lessons next week.

The performance group 'Claytime' visited on Tuesday, the children (and adults) watched in amazement as they moulded clay into a variety of story characters which had been suggested by the children, resulting in a fabulous story called 'The Three Seated Tandem and the Snow Lion'. 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.

In Maths this week, we have been thinking about numbers to 15. The children have practised counting forwards and backwards to 15, as well as using resources such as Numicon and Unifix cubes to see 11-15 are numbers that are made of 10 and bit. To support this learning at home, we would like you find two dice. Ask your child to roll the dice and add up the dots. What other totals could you get if you roll the dice again? Help your child record their results and explore the different totals they can get. You might like to

- help them find all the possible combinations
- see what totals you can make if you use three dice.

Next week, we will be thinking about Chinese New Year, and adventures in 'The Wild Place' begin! The children will visit The Wild Place once a fortnight on Mondays and Fridays in a mixed-class group. Photos will appear on the VLE in the Foundation Gallery.

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