

Foundation

This week our focus has been on Chinese New Year, where our New Year celebrations began with role play in the Chinese restaurant; woollen noodles and chop sticks were among the play resources in use. The children have had the opportunity to explore how to write Chinese letters, to make hand held dragons, Chinese drums and enjoy making animals with tangrams. We located China on a world map and performed a simple dragon dance! Many thanks to Mrs Xu (mother of Siqi, FCH) who came to share a story about Chinese New Year with FCH and gave the children lanterns to make and Mrs Moses (mother of Sebastian, FCB) who gave the children fortune cookies.

The Squirrels and the Owls visited the Wild Place where they learnt about different things they could do in the Wild Place and enjoyed climbing trees, digging and playing in the mud kitchen. Photos of our adventures can be seen on the VLE.

This week in Maths, the children have been thinking about one more/less using numbers to 15, as well as splitting counters into 2 equal and non-equal groups.

For Maths homework this week, you could join in the RSPB Big Bird Watch. Information can be downloaded here:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>.

You may like to make a bird feeder with your child. We have put some ideas for feeders on the VLE Foundation Topic page:

<https://i.stfaiths.co.uk/foundation-1/foundation-topic-4>.

You could spend some time counting the birds that come into your garden to feed on your feeder. Ask your child for ideas to record how many visited.

Next week, we are thinking about the story of the 'Gingerbread Man' where we will be baking gingerbread men and hoping they don't run away!

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