

## 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. Lucas (from FVH) enjoyed sharing his dragon puppet with us, as well as videos of a Chinese Dragon dance he watched. The children have explored how to write Chinese letters and made animals with tangrams. We also enjoyed our theatre company production of 'The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told' this afternoon.

In Maths this week we have been thinking about the numbers 6, 7 and 8. The children have been partitioning objects to see how the numbers are made up. The highlight of the week for us was Number Fun Day (photos can be seen on the VLE) as we loved seeing the children in their number clothes. We also made Numicon biscuits and hats! For homework this week, we would like you to think about what it means to be 8. Watch the video on the VLE: <https://stfaiths.fireflycloud.net/foundation-1/foundation-maths>. Discuss with your child what do they see? Play it again. You could pause it while you're watching, if you like. You might like to watch it again more than once. Ask your child to describe what they notice. Each time the counters are moved, what is the same? What is different? Imagine you are making a similar video but with 6 or 7 counters. What would it look like? We would love to see your ideas - you could make a video, or you could take photos, or you could draw pictures, or...

Next week we celebrate our Book Week and we will be using the story of 'The Jolly Postman' to plan our activities. To start it off, the children will receive a letter in the post. Friday will be our book character dressing up day - we can't wait to see all the children (and adults) dressed up in their costumes! We are also looking forward to seeing you after school on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday at your Parent-Teacher meeting, to discuss your child's progress so far. We have sent home your child's current red topic book and maths book for you to have look at over the weekend. Please return these by Monday.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Foundation Team