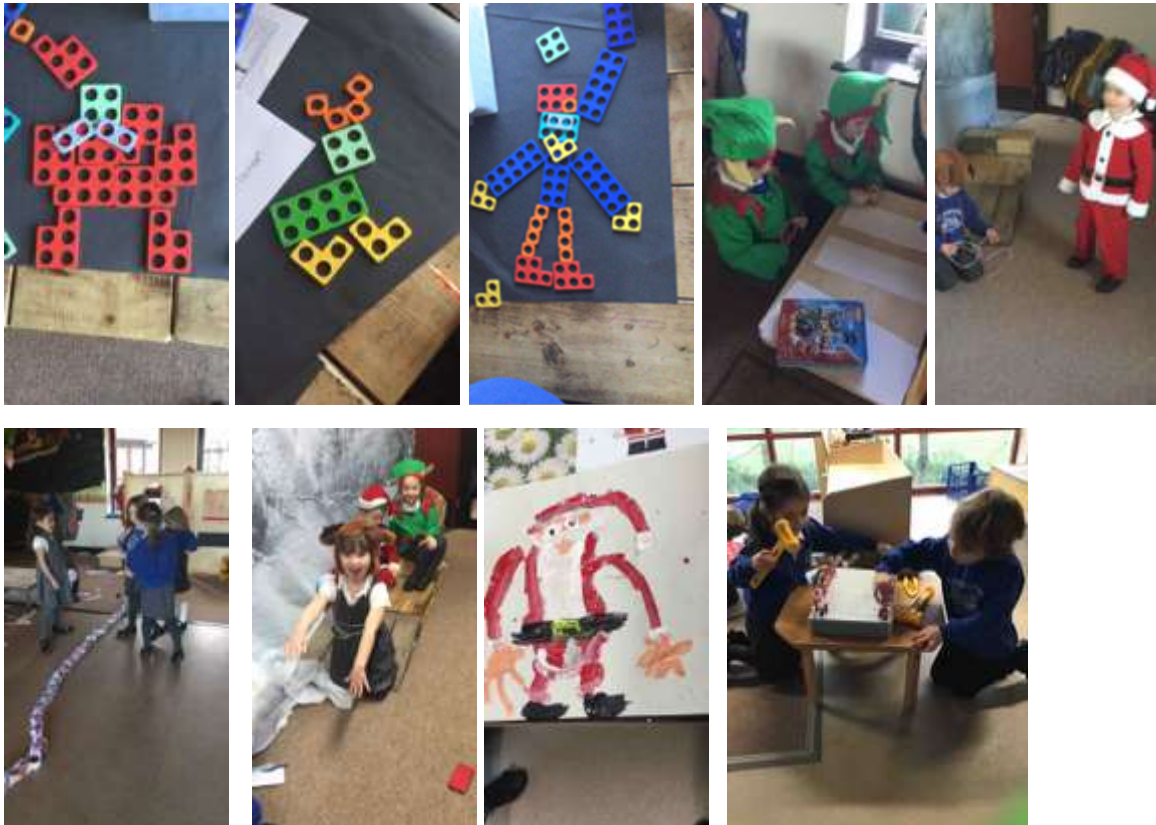




# Topaz News

## This week

There has been a little festive magic in Topaz class this week. Santa wanted us all to be trained as elves and as they need to write a lot of lists we looked at the features of a list and used our sounds to write lists of toys. Everyone did a fabulous job and it showed how much progress we have all made in just a couple of months. We also need to have good hammering, scissor and tweezer skills so we are practising these skills in the classroom too. If you need another idea for a small gift for your child a pair of children's scissors and a glue stick, small stapler, roll of tape and a hole punch along with some crafting materials would keep them busy for hours!



We have also been making paper chains using patterns and practise our cutting and joining skills. This will carry on next week and there will be another challenge to encourage the language of longer, longest, short, shortest. You could help by encouraging this mathematical language at home. (Children often over use big and small)

## Phonics and Reading

We have introduced the digraphs ar,oo,igh this week so add these to your keyring. I have looked at some individual reading skills this week so next steps will arrive through evidence me.

## Advent calendar of kindness

We have an advent calendar of kindness in Topaz. So far we have been greeting people with a hello, smiling at as many people as you can and looking after the birds. Our weekend advent act of kindness is to look at the birds in our gardens, see if we can name any of them and perhaps feed them.

*Sally Windmill*

