1) Multiple answers possible, depending on the shape made.
2) cylinder, cuboid, square-based pyramid
3) Straws: 12 Modelling clay balls: 7
4) 

cube
sphere
triangular prism
square-based pyramid
cone

1) Multiple answers possible. Ensure that children have used 5 rectangles of the same size and 2 pentagons of the same size (including the ones already provided).
Yes, there are several ways of making a net for a pentagonal prism.
2) Yes, the alien is correct if the identical rectangles are specifically squares.

A cube

