Reasoning and problem solving

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Children can discuss if there are any shapes that can go in the top right corner. Some children may justify it could be a square or a rectangle however these have 2 pairs of parallel sides.

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Square: Four 4 cm - perimeter is 16 cm or four 6 cm- perimeter is 24 cm
Rectangle: Two 4 cm and two 6 cm- perimeter is 20 cm
Rhombus: Four 4 cm - perimeter is 16 cm
Four 6 cm straws- perimeter is 24 cm
Parallelogram: Two 4 cm and two 6 cm - perimeter is 20 cm
Trapezium: Three 4 cm and one 6 cm- perimeter is 18 cm