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Starters parent update

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Dear parents,

The focuses for the past three weeks were Personal, social and emotional development: Making relationships and Mathematics. The Characteristic of effective learning was Active learning: Being involved & concentrating.

A warm welcome

At the end of last term, we said farewell to some friends as they moved into the main space. The first week of this term was spent welcoming new friends – learning each other's names as we sing the Hello Song and pass the bells around the circle. The children have started to recognise theirs and their friends' names on name labels. Each morning, they take turns handing out the labels before Together time.

Lighting the way

The children made decorations in celebration of the Lunar New Year (of the Rabbit). They used glitter, sequins, paper and pens to make red, yellow and gold lanterns – all colours that traditionally signify good luck. Red playdough was rolled, squashed, shaped and finally moulded into rabbits. They ended each day in the story corner, listening to the story of The Great Race, surrounded by their vibrant decorations.

Cooking, counting and carrots

The children made carrot cupcakes. Not only did they make a delicious end-of-day snack, they challenged the children's counting skills. Each child took turns adding spoonfuls of flour, sugar and oil to the bowl, before stirring in eggs and grated carrots and scooping an equal quantity of the mixture into each cupcake case.

Drumming to the beat

In music circle, Layla introduced the children to traditional Chinese drumming. First, they watched a short video of Chinese musicians playing the drums. Claves were found in the music box, and a large soft-play block was transformed into a drum. The children used the claves as drumsticks, beating them against the block to imitate the rhythms they heard in the clip.

The Starters team