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Starters parent update

November 11, 2022

Dear parents,

The focuses for the past fortnight were Personal, social & emotional development: Understanding emotions, and Communication & language: Speaking.

Spooky spells

The children had a magical start to the new half-term as they embraced all things spooky for Halloween. They used different colours and shapes to create their own collage pumpkins for our autumn display — but not before they'd carved some real ones. Wobbly jelly, slimy spaghetti and a touch of magic glitter were added to 'cauldrons' to create potions. At story time we read Pip and Posey: The Scary Monster.

Monster moods

After reading The Colour Monster, the children explored ways of representing their feelings. At Together time, they chose different coloured objects to represent how they were feeling that day and sorted them into jars — just like in the story. Each day they used a different material to create pictures of the Colour Monster: pens, pencils, pastels, collage materials and paint. We played monster hide and seek, in which the children had to hunt for pictures of the colour monster hidden around the nursery.

Remember, remember the Fifth of November

For Bonfire Night, the children sang the Fireworks Song, joining in with a final chorus of, 'And the rocket went... WHOOSH!' In free play they channelled Jackson Pollock by making large-scale firework splatter paintings. Rockets, whizzers and bangers were among the many fireworks explored.

Listen to us play...

Layla paid us a visit from the St John's Wood main space, bringing the music box with her. The children had a peek inside and found many different instruments to explore, such as bells, claves and drums. They took turns to choosing different instruments and listened to each other play loudly and quietly.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Starters team