



Sirui

Satish, Steady Readers Volunteer

FROM SHY TO STEADY

“Now I know a lot of words!” seven-year-old Sirui happily shared. But this was not the case before. Three years ago, she could only speak Mandarin and was very shy in expressing herself.

“We only speak Chinese at home, so by the time she reached K2, she really couldn’t speak fluent English. I was worried that she might not be ready for primary school,” said Mdm Xu Yanna, mother of Sirui.

Sirui was a student of New Life Childcare at Woodlands. During the pre-assessment on the centre’s K2 students’ reading level, Sirui was identified as one of the children who struggled in reading and hence qualified for the Steady Readers (SR) Programme.

Why SR?

When asked why she registered Sirui for SR, Mdm Xu said, “At first, I hesitated because I found the timing a bit too late. But I saw that most of her friends went and seemed to have a lot of fun. I previously sent her to another phonics class at the CC, but she just went once and even cried. I thought of giving SR a shot since her friends who went liked it, so probably she would like it too.”

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Sirui with her mother, Mdm Xu Yanna.

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Sirui’s Transformation

Sirui would often tell her mother that she liked the stories shared during the class as well as their drawing activities. “After a while, whenever her classmates didn’t know the answer or made mistakes, Sirui would offer to help. That’s when I realised that she has truly improved. Before, she could barely speak for herself, but now, she expresses herself very well and even helps her friends,” Mdm Xu said proudly.

She added, “Before she was very shy. But now, she’s much more comfortable with English, in listening, comprehension, asking questions and expressing herself. She also loves her teachers Satish and Cindy because they are very kind, friendly and gentle.”

“SR is really effective, more than the usual phonics class. With the twice-weekly frequency of teaching English, the children can learn better. The \$40 cost per term is truly affordable and has greater value than the usual tuition class.

To all the volunteers and staff, I truly appreciate all the time and effort you’ve invested in my child. I will definitely recommend SR, not just 200% but even 500%!", Mdm Xu excitedly shared.

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