

COVID-19

All the staff and myself hope you are all well and keeping safe at this very difficult and strange time in our lifetime.

As you are aware, I have had to make a very difficult decision to close the nursery until I have further advice from the Government and our Local Authority.

I will keep you updated and as soon as I know when the nursery can open again I will let you know. Let's hope it's not too long.

I really appreciate your support at this time.

Nerys



Family Partnership

We are sure that your children are missing seeing their friends at nursery!
We have created a private group on Facebook – '[Blue Bell Woods Families](#)' – which allows families to stay connected.

Simply click [here](#) and request to join the group. You will then be prompted to provide your child's name and to agree to the group rules. You will only be added to the group once you have confirmed this information.

Please feel free to post any photographs of your children that you are happy for other families to show to their children, or share any ideas about how to have fun at home.

We hope to see you all soon!

Supporting learning at home

Routine provides young children with a structure which offers a rhythm to the day and ensures that children are getting the attention, nutrition and rest that they need in order to thrive. While establishing and maintaining routine has a wealth of benefits, it's essential to also remain flexible. Spontaneity and creativity are important factors in a child's life.

In nursery, our routine is structured around the care needs of the children (including breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, tea time, sleep times, nappy changing and toileting).

Our responsive curriculum then lets the children choose what **they** would like to do. We facilitate learning by offering a stimulating environment and identifying teachable moments.

Activities on offer include: free play, messy play, arts and crafts, role play, dressing up, construction, small world play, mark making, letters and sounds, malleable play, outside play, gardening, woodwork, stories, puppets, singing and dancing. Have fun letting your child initiate play at home!

Happy Birthday to children celebrating in April!



Emily (2))



Freddie (2)



Rex (2)

What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

Chatter Matters Week 2020 – 'Bear with me, share with me'

Throughout Chatter Matters week, we took part in bear themed activities; the teddies enjoyed coming to tea which provoked lots of conversation. The children were very excited to meet Paddington Bear and make marmalade sandwiches!



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We celebrated World Book Day last month; the children looked fantastic in their costumes! Thank you to the parents who came in to share books and stories.



Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage

Listening and attention:

22-36 months: Listens with interest to the noises adults make when they read stories.

30-50 months: Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall.

Reading:

0-11 months: Enjoys looking at books and other printed material with familiar people.

8-20 months: Handles books and printed material with interest.

16-26 months: Interested in books and rhymes and may have favourites.

22- 36 months: Repeats words or phrases from familiar stories. Fills in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game, e.g. 'Humpty Dumpty sat on a ...'.

30-50 months: Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. Describes main story settings, events and principal characters

40-60 months: Enjoys an increasing range of books.

