

# Blue Bell Woods Day Nursery Newsletter



## January 2016: What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

### Marvellous marks!

We have been experimenting with a whole range of mark making experiences, right throughout the nursery! We have rolled balls in paint, made patterns with cars, brushes, rollers and sponges, made marks in sand, foam and gloop, as well as using pens, pencils, chalks and charcoal...



*Links to the EYFS:- Physical Development: ~*

*Makes connections between their movement and the marks they make. (16-26 mths)*

*Beginning to use three fingers (tripod grip) to hold writing tools - Imitates drawing simple shapes such as circles and lines (22-36 mths)*

*Draws lines and circles using gross motor movements - Holds pencil between thumb and two fingers, no longer using whole-hand grasp - Holds pencil near point between first two fingers and thumb and uses it with good control - Can copy some letters, e.g. letters from their name. (30-50 mths)*

*Shows a preference for a dominant hand - Begins to use anticlockwise movement and retrace vertical lines - Begins to form recognisable letters - Uses a pencil and holds it effectively to form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. (40-60 mths)*

*Literacy: ~ Distinguishes between the different marks they make. (22-36 mths)*

*Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint (30-50 mths)*

*Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint - Writes own name and other things such as labels, captions. (40-60 mths)*



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## Spring Term Dates 2016

Half Term (no funded sessions)  
w/b 15<sup>th</sup> February

Easter Holidays (no funded  
sessions)  
w/b 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March

Bank Holidays (Nursery Closed)  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> & Mon 28<sup>th</sup> March

## Happy Birthday!

The following children are celebrating birthdays in January...



Esme (1)



Harley (2)



Ruby (2)



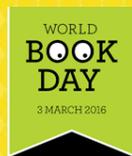
Scarlett (2)

## Cookery Club Stay & Play Session

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
10.00am – 10.45am

Families are welcome to join  
us for Valentines activities!

Please let us know if you  
will be attending.



## World Book Day Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

Children are welcome to  
dress up as a book  
character!

Parents/ carers are also  
welcome to come in and  
share a favourite book with  
a small group of children.

## Online Observations and Learning Journeys

At the end of each Half Term we email out your child's observations; we really welcome your responses and comments about your child's learning. Each child's Learning Journey is situated in the Entrance Hall; please feel free to take a look with your child's Key Person.

## All About Me!

We like to make a Family Book for each child, so we would be very grateful if you could supply us with photographs of special people in your child's life, their favourite toy/ comforter, any special cultural/ family events they have attended, any pets, a photo of their house etc.

You are welcome to email the photographs to [bluebellwoodsdaynursery@gmail.com](mailto:bluebellwoodsdaynursery@gmail.com), or to bring in printed copies. Please write a brief description about each photo so we can personalise your child's Family Book.

If you have already sent in photographs, please disregard this message.

## Reminder

Please name all your child's belongings. Many children have similar coats, hats, bags etc.