

Blue Bell Woods Newsletter

January 2019

Nerys and the staff at Blue Bell Woods welcome you back to nursery. We hope you all had a restful Christmas break!

What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

Letters and Sounds: Letters and Sounds is a phonics resource which aims to build children's speaking and listening skills in their own right as well as to prepare them for learning to read by developing their phonic knowledge and skills. Babies and children throughout the nursery are developing listening and language skills through activities which are embedded in our day to day routine - singing, nursery rhymes, stories, action songs, musical instruments, poems, finger rhymes... For the older children, we provide a more structured approach to working through the Letters and Sounds phonics resource.

Examples of activities are:- counting claps and stamps, using musical instruments slowly, quickly, loudly, quietly, listening walks, word games and sound lotto. Click [here](#) to view the Letters and Sounds phonics resource, or find more information on our [website](#).

Doctor Role Play!

Some of the children are currently interested in 'People Who Help Us' and have been exploring the roles of doctors and nurses in our surgery! We have been writing prescriptions, measuring 'medicine', looking at x-rays, putting on bandages and talking about keeping healthy and safe.



Learning in the EYFS- Expressive Arts & Design, 30-50 months: Engages in imaginative role-play based on own first-hand experiences. Literacy, 40-60 months: Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint.



Julie Alsop is our Time to Talk Champion!

"Time to Talk" is a project supporting the development of early language and communication skills in babies and children across Warwickshire.

Julie is extremely experienced in working with children and their families to support language and communication skills, and has access to lots of useful literature and strategies. For more information visit the [Time to Talk Facebook](#) page:-



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Family Partnership ~ Parent Evening ~ Thursday 31st January 2019, 6pm-7.30pm

We will be holding an informal Parent Evening this month. You will have the opportunity to talk to the staff, look at your child's Learning Journey and enjoy refreshments with other families.

If you would like to make an individual appointment with your child's Key Person, please ask a member of staff to direct you to the booking form. If you are unable to attend on the evening, we are happy to arrange a mutually convenient appointment at a different time.

We ask that children do not attend this event please.

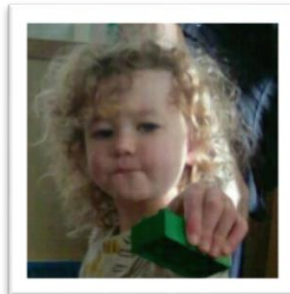
Happy Birthday to children celebrating in January!



Abigail (1)



Chloe (2)



Matilda (3)



Edward (3)

Safeguarding Reminders:

- ✓ Please sign your child in and out everyday in the Entrance Hall (over twos).
- ✓ Please **DO NOT** use your mobile phone in the nursery.
- ✓ Please inform us if your child will not be attending nursery (e.g. due to illness/ holiday).
- ✓ Please talk to Nerys or Julie (our Designated Safeguarding Leads) if you have any concerns of a safeguarding nature.
- ✓ Please do not let any other Parents/ Carers/ Visitors in or out of the premises.



Staying Safe Together

Dates for your Diary:

- Thursday 31st January 2019- Parent Evening- 6pm-7.30pm
- Half Term: w/b 18th February 2019 (No funded sessions)

Full term dates can be viewed on our [website](#).