

Blue Bell Woods Newsletter

May 2018

What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

The babies have been learning about textures over the last few weeks and have done lots of lovely activities including string painting, making new sensory bottles, and making textures boxes. The Over Two's have been learning about all kinds of animals ahead of our trip to Twycross Zoo. They have made some collages depicting the different kinds of animals they have talked about, and have used the paint sticks to paint pictures of their own animals and gave them all interesting names.



Links to the EYFS: Physical Development – 8-20 months: Enjoys the sensory experience of making marks in damp sand, paste or paint. Understanding the World – 30-50 months: Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. Literacy – 30-50 months: Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint.

The Royal Wedding: As part of our commitment to celebrating a wide variety of festivals and events, we held a Garden Party to celebrate the Royal Wedding. We made bunting and paper chains to decorate the garden, we made crowns from corrugated card to wear at tea time, and we painted our own Union Jack flags to hang up. For tea we had some traditional foods including cucumber sandwiches, sponge cake and strawberries with ice cream.



Characteristics of Effective Learning: Playing and Exploring - Showing curiosity about objects, events and people.

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Trip to Twycross Zoo!

On Friday 25th May we took the children to Twycross Zoo. We had lovely day despite the weather, and we got to see lots of wonderful animals up close. We saw the Giraffes eating their lunch, we saw a lot of different monkeys swinging around in their enclosures, and we watched the Penguins hopping around and getting ready for a swim. We did a lot of walking and on the way back a lot of us had a little nap as all the excitement had worn us out!



Links to the EYFS: The world- 30-50 months: Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. Shows care and concern for living things and the environment.



Happy Birthday!

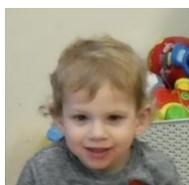
The following children are celebrating birthdays in May...



Josie (1)



Evelyn (1)



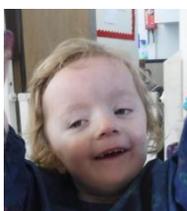
Kendrick (2)



Gabriel (2)



Sophie (3)



Lyla (3)



Aria (3)



Sophie (4)

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Safeguarding at Blue Bell Woods:

As part of our commitment to keeping children safe, and keeping up to date with the latest safeguarding information, our two DSL's, (Gemma and Julie) have completed their annual training update. After completing the training Gemma and Julie have highlighted some fairly new training that is available to all early years settings called Protective Behaviours. It is a framework for personal safety consisting of 2 Themes and 7 Strategies. It is a dynamic, confidence building, empowering approach that links safety with having adventures and taking risks. Over the next few weeks we will be organising a training session for all staff so that we may incorporate Protective Behaviours into our curriculum to give children the tools to feel safe and to be able to speak up if they don't.

Once we have received the Protective Behaviours training we will send out further information. If you have any questions in the meantime please speak to either Gemma or Julie. Alternatively, you can find out more information online at

<https://www.protectivebehaviourstraining.co.uk/about/protective-behaviours>

Sun Safety

Please provide your child with a NAMED sun hat (to keep at nursery if possible).



Nursery will provide Nivea Factor 50 sun cream. If your child has a preferred brand please supply a bottle. Please note that if your child does not have a sun hat and cream they will be unable to access the garden during very warm times.

Thank you.

Dates for your Diary:

- Week commencing 28th May – Half term – no funded sessions
- Friday 15th June – FUDGE Tea 4pm