

Blue Bell Woods Newsletter

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What have we been learning at Blue Bell Woods?

We have been taking part in heuristic play with natural resources and treasure baskets.



Learning through the EYFS:

Communication and language: Children may develop their vocabulary by naming the objects they're selecting or narrating their actions.

Physical development: Children develop co-ordination and motor skills in handling and moving the objects

Personal, social and emotional development: Children can make their own choices about what objects to play with and are allowed to play and explore without direction or help unless it's requested; self-confidence can be developed because there are no right or wrong ways to play with the objects

Literacy: Children may use the objects in storytelling; they may recognise common sounds in the names of objects and sort objects on this basis

Mathematics: Children may use the objects to explore number, size, shape, etc; they may count objects; they may sort objects by shape or arrange them by size; they may make comparisons with lighter/heavier objects

Understanding the world: Children can explore the properties of different objects; they may make observations about natural items, objects that come from living things, etc.

Expressive arts and design: Children develop their creativity while exploring the treasure basket; they may explore different colours and textures among the objects; they may use the objects in imaginative ways such as in role play or as improvised musical instruments



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Little Green Fingers

We have been continuing with the children's interest in gardening and growing. Inderjit grew a giant pumpkin in her allotment and we were excited to explore the texture, inside and out! David said, "It's like Cinderella's pumpkin!" We planted the pumpkin seeds and some beautiful flowers in the garden.



Cookery Club

We have been busy mixing, rolling, cutting and baking!



Happy Birthday to children celebrating in October!



Anya (2)



Harry (2)



Marcy (2)



Marisha (3)



Henry (4)

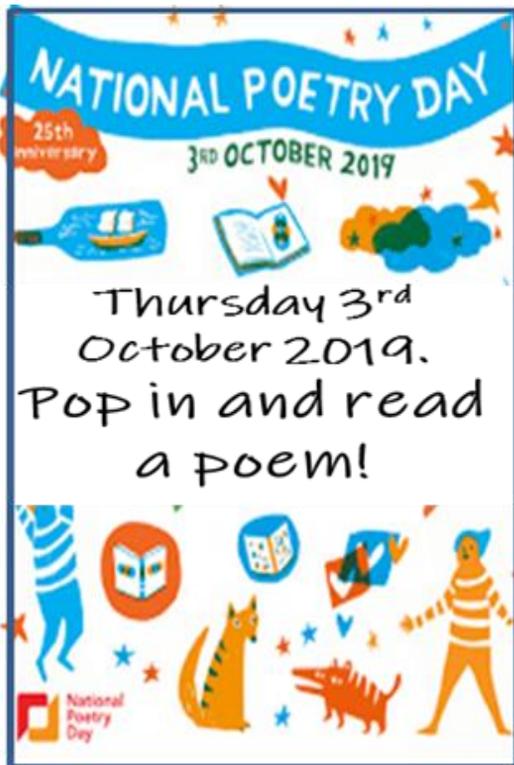
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Family Fundraiser
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT



Family Partnership
Thank you to the families that joined us for our recent fundraising event for Macmillan. We held a Coffee afternoon and sold homemade cakes and biscuits, raising £75.00.



We will be celebrating National Poetry Day on Thursday 3rd October.

We would be delighted if any family members would like to visit nursery to share a poem with their child or a small group of children.

Alternatively you may wish to email your favourite childhood poem for us to read with the children at nursery.

Poetry is extremely important for many areas of development, especially for promoting each child's cultural capital.

Poems help children to learn new words, as the rhythmical structure of the verses creates a familiar context for unfamiliar words.

Nonsense rhymes and poems encourage children's sense of humour and are fun!

Sharing rhymes with family and friends supports social skills.

Your Story
By Kasenya and Camera

Kasenya, our children's photographer, is due to visit on Thursday 17th October, from approximately 9.15am to 2.30pm. Please feel free to pop in with your children if they do not attend on a Thursday; there will be no obligation to purchase the photographs.

Half Term: w/b 28th October 2019- NB: We follow Warwickshire Term Dates

Diwali Family Stay & Play

Friday 25th October - 10am- 11am

Families are welcome to join us to celebrate the Festival of Lights.

