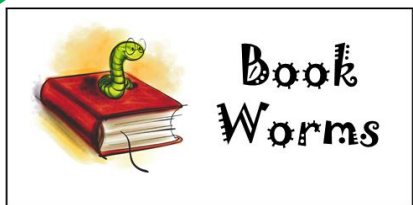


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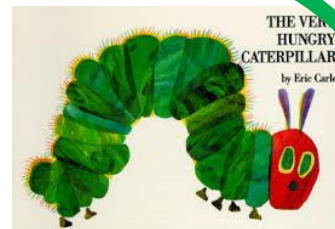


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What have we been doing at Blue Bell Woods?



Following on from some of the children's interest in growing, we have been sharing the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".



We watched some real caterpillars turn to cocoons and then butterflies, and we released them in the garden!



We tasted some foods from the story...



We made our own paintings, drawings and models of caterpillars and butterflies!



Early Years Foundation Stage ~ What have we been learning?

Physical Development :Uses one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. makes snips in paper with child scissors. (30-50 months)

Understanding the World: Notices detailed features of objects in their environment. (22-36 months)

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July/ August 2014: Reminders

Outside Play:

Please can you provide your child with a named sun hat and named sun cream, and also a named pair of wellies and outdoor clothing for our adventures in the woods! Thank you.

Spare Clothing:

Please can you provide your child with spare clothes at nursery; please **name all items of clothing and belongings**. We would also be grateful for any donations of spare clothes! Thank you.

Art Folders:

Each child has their own art folder situated in the entrance hall. Please feel free to empty this regularly.

Safeguarding Policy Update

At Blue Bell Woods, we are constantly reviewing and updating our policies and procedures to meet the needs of children and families.

We recently sought advice from the Local Authority Safeguarding Officer for Early Years with regard to families using mobile phones to photograph their children at special events, such as Sports Day. In consultation, we have revised our Mobile Phone Safety Policy, and added:-

Special Events

The development of digital photography and the common practice of sharing images via social networking sites present additional challenges for settings in terms of granting permission for parents/carers to record images.

- With the Manager's permission, on special occasions, such as Sports Day and other family events, parents/ carers may use their phone or camera to take photographs of their OWN child.*

Blue Bell Woods allows you to take photographs on our premises at such events of your OWN child or children only. This agreement is subject to you recognising the need to be sensitive to other people, not causing interruption or disruption to concerts, performances and events and ensuring children are not distracted.

- Photographs must be for your own use only and if they inadvertently include other people's children, they MUST NOT be shared on social networking sites.*

Please note that if publishing photographs of your OWN children on social networking sites, the name of the setting should not be placed alongside any such images.

Parents/ Carers will now be required to sign a form to agree to the above Policy. Your child's Key Person will discuss this with you at nursery and ask you to sign the form for our records. Thank you.

For more information about Safeguarding at Blue Bell Woods, please see our "Stay Safe- Be Healthy" display board, take a look at our Policy Folder in the Entrance Hall, or visit

<http://www.bluebellwoodsdaynursery.com/safeguarding>

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July/ August 2014: Family Information

Happy Birthday!
Toby is celebrating his 2nd Birthday in August!



Family Partnership

At Blue Bell Woods, we recognise that parents and carers are the most important people in their children's early lives. Children learn about the world and their place in it through their conversations, play activities, and routines with parents, carers and families.

We would like families to be involved and contribute to nursery life as much as possible; here are some of the ways you can take part:-



Making a Positive Contribution- Our Achievement Tree

Please tell us your child's "wow" moments, achievements, special events and cultural celebrations; we would like to recognise each child's individuality on our Achievement Tree. Please feel free to write on a flower to stick on, or talk to your child's Key Person who will happily record your comments.

Family Comments Book

Our comments book is located in the Entrance Hall. Please feel free to write down your ideas, suggestions, improvements we can make, your children's views etc.



Testimonials

Families are welcome to visit our website and leave a comment on our "Testimonials" page.
<http://www.bluebellwoodsdaynursery.com/apps/testimonials/>

Forthcoming Events

Teddy Bears' Week ~ 18th to 22nd August **Stay & Play ~ Thursday 21st August**

The teddies are invited to join us at nursery every day from 18th to 22nd August. They are invited to have picnics with us and join in with all our activities!



On Thursday 21st August, families are welcome to join us for an informal "Stay and Play session"- grown ups will need to bring their teddies too! Please drop in any time between 10am and 11.15am for cookery activities, singing, stories and fun!

Learning Journeys

Each child has a Learning Journey which is a celebration of their achievements and interests during the time they spend at Blue Bell Woods. It shows the journey of your child's learning and development through carefully chosen observations and photographs. Please feel free to look in your child's Learning Journey at any time and to contribute to it.