

Blue Bell Woods Newsletter

March 2019

What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

We have been exploring our senses through a range of messy play experiences, textured books, music, art and dance.



EYFS- Media and materials: Explores and experiments with a range of media through sensory exploration, and using whole body. Understands that different media can be combined to create new effects.



Cooking is not only a fun, engaging activity for children, but it also promotes development and learning in a variety of ways. It is an extremely sensory activity; children have the opportunity to experiment with a range of recipes from around the world and to take home their creations! They learn to use tools safely and new vocabulary. Families are welcome to join in the fun or offer recipe ideas! This month in Cookery Club, we made our own cakes to decorate and take home to share.

A Special Visitor

A very big thank you to PC Elcock who came to visit us. She showed us her uniform and the equipment she uses, including a torch and hand-cuffs. We learnt about keeping safe, including what number to call in an emergency; James said, "999." Lily tried on the hat and jacket and said, "The hat makes me feel strong."



EYFS Links: People and Communities, 30-50 months: Shows interest in different occupations and ways of life. Listening and Attention, 40-60 months: Maintains attention, concentrates and sits quietly during appropriate activity.

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Family Partnership

Thank you to the families that joined us for our recent Stay and Play session, taking part in Valentine's Day cookery and crafts.



Young Ramblers

We made the most of the fine weather by going on a walk to the shop and to explore the local woods. We listened to the sound of the birds and talked about which animals live in the woods; we looked for squirrels, owls, foxes (and the Gruffalo!).

*EYFS-
Understanding the
World, 30-50
months: Can talk
about some of the
things they have
observed such as
plants, animals,
natural and found
objects.*



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Happy Birthday
to children celebrating in March!



Noel (3)



Myah (3)



Ethan (4)



Parker (4)

Fancy Dress!
WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March 2019

Children are invited to dress up as a favourite book character. Families are warmly welcome to visit us at any time during the week to share a book with a small group of children. Please contact us if you are able to take part.

Dates for your Diary:

- Thursday 7th March 2019- World Book Day- fancy dress optional
- Friday 29th March 2019- Special Ladies' Tea- details to follow.

Staying Safe Online

More and more toddlers and pre-schoolers are using their parents' computers, mobile phones or tablets to play games, use apps, and watch their favourite shows. Here are simple things you can do to make sure they are using the internet safely:

Explore together: Talk to your child about what the internet is and explore it together.



Put yourself in control: Install parental controls on your home broadband. Most internet-enabled devices also allow you to set parental controls so you can manage what content your child can see and how they interact with others online.

Use passwords: Keep your devices out of reach and set passwords on all your internet-enabled devices. That way, you will know when and where your child is accessing the internet. You can also make sure they are not making additional purchases when they are playing games or using apps!

Be involved: Encourage children to use devices in a communal area like the front room or kitchen so you can keep an eye on how they are using the internet and also share in their enjoyment.

Manage access: Set your homepage to a child-friendly site and create a user account for your child on the family computer or device which only allows access to sites you have chosen.

Help them learn through games: Choose safe, fun and educational online games to play with your child that you will be confident about them exploring.