

What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

An art activity making jelly fish sparked a big interest in exploring sea life! We looked at photographs of different sea creatures, including sea horses, fish, turtles and star fish, and then created our own interpretations. We enjoyed using finger puppets to sing about the different creatures.



Supporting learning at home

One experience that children enjoy at nursery that can be easily recreated at home is 'small world play'.

The beauty of this activity is that 'small worlds' come in many themes, shapes, forms and styles- there is no 'right or wrong' way to play!

Your child can create their small world with toys they have at home (e.g. action figures, soft toys, vehicles) and you can add to the intrigue by introducing natural or interesting materials e.g. ice cubes for Polar World, hay for the farm, or mud for the swamp!

Ideas for Small World Play:



- Zoo
- Farm
- Station and Trains
- Cars and Garage
- Dolls' House
- Fairy Garden
- Seaside
- Dinosaur World
- Polar Adventure
- Muddy Swamp
- Rainforest
- Jungle



Small world play is perfect for inspiring children's imagination from a young age. It provides a platform to explore new textures, act out scenarios from real life, practise social skills, build language and learn about the wider world.

Please share with us your own ideas for Small World Play...

Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage

The world: 22-36 months: Enjoys playing with small-world models such as a farm, a garage, or a train track.

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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We have been taking part in colour mixing activities throughout the nursery. We love experimenting and exploring freely, so please avoid sending your child in their best clothes!

Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage

Moving and handling:

8-20 months: Enjoys the sensory experience of making marks in damp sand, paste or paint. 30-50 months: Draws lines and circles using gross motor movements.

Media and materials:

8-20 months: Notices and is interested in the effects of making movements which leave marks. 30-50 months: Explores colour and how colours can be changed.

**Opera Day!**

This month we celebrated Opera Day by listening to and dancing to some beautiful opera music- including Il Divo which is one of Nerys' favourites!

Safeguarding at Blue Bell Woods:

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Leads, (Nerys or Julie) in confidence. There is further Safeguarding information on our [website](#) and paper copies are available on request.

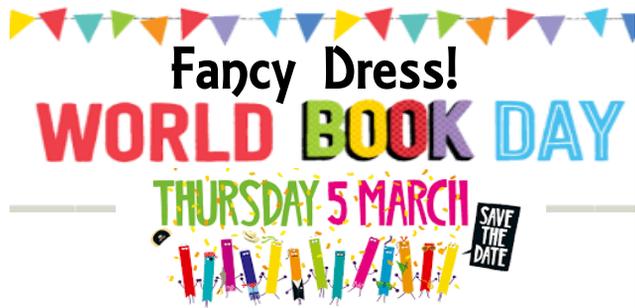


Nerys Evans



Julie Alsop

Forthcoming Events:



To celebrate World Book Day, children are invited to dress up as a favourite book character on Thursday 5th March 2020.

Families are warmly welcome to visit us at any time during the week to share a book with a small group of children. Please talk to a member of staff if you would like to join in.

Chatter Matters Week 2020 – ‘Bear with me, share with me’
We are celebrating ‘Chatter Matters’ week this year from 9th – 13th March 2020. ‘Time to Talk’ decided to use a bear for the campaign because that is part of the county symbol for Warwickshire.

Throughout the week, we will be taking part in bear themed activities, designed to give each child the opportunity to reach their full potential in speech, language and communication.

We have attached some ideas to try at home!

Wednesday 11th March 2020



Bring your teddies to nursery!



Special Ladies' Tea!

Friday 20th March 2020

4.00pm-4.45pm

Mums, nans, aunts...any special ladies... are invited to join us for tea to celebrate Mothers' Day! Please let us know if you can attend.

Thank you.

Happy Birthday to children celebrating in March!



Benjamin(1)



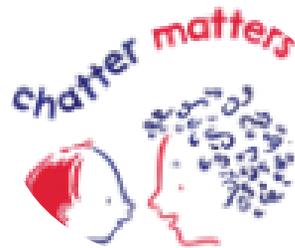
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- Share a story- pop in and read with the children w/b 2nd March 2020
- World Book Day- Fancy Dress Optional- Thursday 5th March 2020
- Chatter Matters Week- 9th-13th March 2020- Bear themed activities
 - Bring your Teddy to nursery- Wednesday 11th March 2020
 - Mothers' Day Tea- Friday 20th March 2020



Chatter Matters Week 2020 – 'Bear with me, share with me'

Ideas for supporting learning at home



Walk Like a Bear

Look at some pictures or videos of real bears.

Watch how they walk.

Can you walk like a bear? Sometimes they crawl and sometimes they stand up on two legs.



Teddy Bear Teddy Bear

Teddy bear, teddy bear touch your nose
Teddy bear, teddy bear touch your toes
Teddy bear, teddy bear touch the ground
Teddy bear, teddy bear turn around



What else can teddy do?

Teddy Bear Rice Cakes

Decorate a rice cake to look like a teddy bear.

Cream cheese? Raisins? Bananas? Chocolate spread?

Mmmmm.



Bear Painting

Look for different things that you could use to paint.
Different objects will make different textures with the paint.

Can you make your bear painting look furry?



The Bear Went Over the Mountain

The bear went over the mountain
The bear went over the mountain
The bear went over the mountain
To see what he could see

And all that he could see
And all that he could see
Was the other side of the mountain
The other side of the mountain
The other side of the mountain
Was all that he could see



Round and Round the Garden

Round and round the garden
Like a teddy bear
One step, two step
Ticly under there!



Teddy Bears and Real Bears

Look at some pictures of real bears. You could talk about where they live, what they eat and whether they look friendly or not.



Compare Bears

Some bears are old.
Some bears are fluffy.
Some bears are fragile.
Some bears are cuddly.
Some bears are friendly.
Some bears are special.



Sleeping Teddies

See the little teddies sleeping 'til it's nearly noon
Shall we try to wake them with our merry tune?

They're so still...
Are they ill?

Hop little teddies, hop, hop, hop
Hop little teddies, hop, hop, hop
Hop little teddies, hop, hop, hop
Hop, hop, hop and stop

