Blue Bell Woods Newsletter   February 2025

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)

**Nerys Evans
Lead DSL**

**Taylor-Lee
Sketchley
Deputy DSL**

**Xanthe
Smith
DSL**

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility.
If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child, please contact Nerys, Taylor or Xanthe, our **Designated Safeguarding Leads,** in confidence.

Dates for your diary:

- February half Term: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025
- World Book Day: Thursday 6th March 2025 (Fancy dress optional)

Happy Birthday to the children celebrating in February!

Finley

Isla-Lily

Quinn

William

Oliver

Simran   Charlie

Promoting children's early writing skills

We provide a range of age-appropriate mark making activities to promote children's fine and gross motor skills which are important skills in preparing them for writing.

Mark making comes in many forms and is a great way to develop children's early writing skills as it teaches them to hold and control tools, promotes hand-eye co-ordination and allows children to express their creativity. Playdough, threading, puzzles, building and sand/water play are also great to develop the muscles and skills children need before learning to write.

Look at some of the mark making activities the children have been doing recently in our nursery!

Celebrating Chinese New Year!

We have been very busy learning about Chinese New Year.
The children have been busy exploring Chinese writing which they used as inspiration for their mark making and were able to copy some of the symbols. As well as developing their fine motor skills in learning how to use chopsticks and expressing their creativity making fans.

The Pre-school children created their own lanterns which they have chosen to either display in their area of the nursery or take home. We have received some lovely photos of the children displaying their lanterns at home too!

... more nursery fun and learning!