

Themes for the half term 23rd February to 1st April 2026.

Week commencing	Theme	Areas of learning and comments
23 rd February	British animals and farm animals	Progression of learning and development from last term. Settling in time continues for children as they get to know each other and us and learn routines. Continuing to build friendships through play and encouraging independence in activities and selfcare. Books, sharing stories and all the learning benefits of reading are a core part of the preschool day. Retelling familiar stories, learning rhymes, alliteration with initial sounds of words and syllables. Learning about the world around us, the weather, looking at plants and spring growth. Extending learning about the world by considering children different to ourselves be it gender, skin colour, disability or lifestyle, and looking at similarities. Celebrating Mothering Sunday this year on 15th March. We will access the school field, climbing equipment and run track for greater physical exercise and familiarise children with the school environment. As ever there will be lots of pretend play, which is great for creative thinking, sharing with others, language skills, problems solving and learning about the world about us. Activities to look at measurement, height and weight as we play, measure ourselves on the height chart and use scales for play and cooking. This will also lead to discussion about healthy choices in diet, exercise, sleep and dental care. Role play and activities using pens, paint or chalks also supports early writing skills, and we will encourage children to have a go writing letters or numerals of significance such as their age or name. Activities to develop fine motor skills such as threading, using scissors and playdough support the coordination of movements children require to write, and express ideas through mark making. We will continue to learn about our feelings with the Colour Monster story.
2 nd March	Spring and jungle animals	
9 th March	Under the sea Mothering Sunday 15 th March	
16 th March	Plants and mini beasts	
23 rd March	Children like me and arctic animals	
30 th March INSET day Thursday 2nd April BH Friday 3rd April	Easter and safari animals	

Last day of term Wednesday 1st April return to preschool Monday 20th April 2026.