

Themes for the half term 6th January to 13th February 2026.

Week commencing	Theme	Areas of learning and comments
6 th January Tuesday	Winter Firefighters	Progression of learning and development from last term. Settling in time continues for children recently started at preschool as they get to know each other and us, learn routines, find favourite activities and experience some new activities.
12 th January	Winter Police	
19 th January	Being healthy and exercising Doctors	Learning about the world around us, the weather, winter and our local area - where we live and our favourite places, woodlands or the beach maybe. Learning about different countries and their traditions, also a chance to taste some Chinese foods. Construction resources are perfect for learning about shapes, how they fit together, their properties and names. Learning about shapes to build, create space, new shapes, making dens for themselves and toys. Making patterns and sequences of patterns recognising sequences supports mathematical learning. To develop the ability and coordination to write it is important children develop their big motor skills and fine motor skills, with exercises and activities. Build on the skills for the balance bikes, and physical activity in and outside. Favourite stories, repeating refrains in stories, words and sounds to enrich language. Early phonics activities - listening to sounds, recognising sounds and rhythms and syllables in words, learning about the sounds at the start of words, learning about different sounds and continue to learn rhymes and songs in playful games and activities. Exploring natural materials, manipulating materials to make changes and models, learning about colours and mixing new colours. Fostering independence - putting on coats and boots for outside play and putting their belongings away at drop off time.
26 th January	Teachers and school staff Listening and sounds	
2 nd February	Our pets and vets What shape?	
9 th February	Dentists Chinese New Year - year of the horse.	

INSET day Monday 5th January 2026.

Half term 16th to 22nd February, return to preschool Monday 23rd February 2025.