

Themes for the half term 3rd November to 19th December 2025

Week commencing	Theme	Areas of learning and comments
3 rd November	Autumn Goldilocks and the three bears	Traditional Tales - phonics aspects 1 to 6. Develop listening skills, voice sounds and starting to recognise alliteration and rhythm in words.
10 th November	The Gruffalo Little red riding hood	Nature walks in local area or school grounds, identifying growth and change in season. Creative activities, make displays for setting and celebrate the seasons.
17 th November	The Gingerbread Man	Settling in continues for children recently started and returning after the half term break, learning routines, getting to know each other and us, find favourite activities and experience some new activities.
24 th November	Songs and dancing The three little pigs	'Writing' for play - make a letter box to 'post' letters etc. to encourage fun for writing and their own notebooks for write in that they can keep in their drawers.
1 st December	Shopping The enormous turnip	Progression of learning and development from last term.
8 th December	Christmas Jack and the beanstalk	Favourite stories, repeating refrains in stories, words and sounds to enrich language. Build on the skills for the balance bikes, and physical activity in and outside
15 th December Sparkle day! On 17 th December, please wear something that sparkles!	Christmas and Stick Man!	Counting, by rote, in sequence, objects, to find quantity, in rhymes and songs. Starting to subitise 2 or 3 items (recognising the quantity of objects without needing to count) Fine motor skills - using tools for craft activities Learning about and exploring emotions - introduction to book 'The Colour Monster'; being kind and helpful as these are positive feelings. Fostering independence - putting on coats and boots for outside play. Putting items in their drawers and putting belongings in correct places on arrival. Parents week/fortnight from 24 th November. Christmas craft activities and songs.

We would like to invite families to a Christmas craft session, making decorations and singing Christmas songs together, on Friday 12th December from 11am.

Last day of term Friday 19th December. Return to preschool Tuesday 6th January 2026.