

Themes for the half term 7th January to 13th February 2025.

Week commencing	Theme	Areas of learning and comments
7 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.
13 th January	Winter Police	
20 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.
27 th January	Chinese New Year, year of the Snake. Teachers	
3 rd February	Our pets Vets	
10 th February INSET day Friday 14th February	What shape Dentists	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.

INSET day Monday 6th January and INSET day Friday 14th February 2025.

Half term 17th to 21st February, return to preschool Monday 24th February 2025.