

## Themes for the half term 7<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Week commencing	Theme	Areas of learning and comments
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Winter	Welcome back to preschool and a new year! Talk about the weather, change in seasons, temperature. Exploring outside and so we will need suitable clothing for outside activities.
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Gruffalo and Gruffalo's Child	Lots of activities around this popular story. Familiar stories help children understand how stories are structured, use of different language, rhyme and rhythm and development of characters.
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year	Year of the Rat, Chinese New Year 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2020. Try some different foods, craft activities and enjoy the traditional new year story of the animals.
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Transport	Counting vehicles, writing and mark making Role play and small world play. Craft activities
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Cooking	Healthy foods and treats. Following recipes from cookery books or the internet. New tastes and some favourites Role play in the home corner, and even some pretend cooking in the sand outside!
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine!	Love and romance Our families and how we love and care for each other

Please encourage your child to bring in items for the basket; this is a lovely chance for them to tell the group about their special things from home. Remember to label your child's coat, lunch box, drinks bottle and bags, it is often quite an endeavour to match child to belongings when we are getting ready to go outside!

**Last day of term Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February (inset day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February), return to preschool Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**