



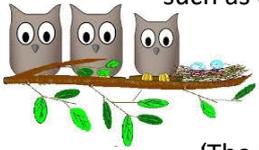
## Learning Themes for January and February

### Ballyclare Nursery School

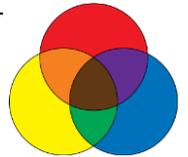


In January and February, we will be learning about “Things that Change”. Children will investigate, learn and discover through many different learning and development opportunities.

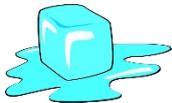
Our starting point for this learning will include talking about ‘Night and Day.’ Children will have the chance to think about the differences between the two and develop these ideas in their play. Ideas such as different clothing, bedtime and morning routines, daylight and getting dark at night time will form part of our discussions.



‘The Owl Babies’ book will be one of our core stories and we are looking forward to a visit from ‘World of Owls’ to learn more about them and their habits. There will be many activities on offer to further develop this story within all the areas in the classrooms. There will also be lots of other books around the classrooms available for children to look at both fiction and non-fiction.



As part of our creative work, children will be able to investigate mixing colours in a variety of ways to see what they can do to change colours and shades.



We will be talking about the season of ‘Winter’. Children will be observing the weather, particularly ice when it occurs. There will be further opportunities to investigate ice and lots of discussion about how it is made and how it melts. We will talk about other aspects of ‘Winter’ such as the clothes we need to wear and why, and what happens to some wild animals when it gets cold (hibernation). We will also investigate snow- if we get some!



As part of our “World Around Us” curriculum we discover with the children how people in the Chinese culture celebrate their ‘New Year’. We will be enjoying a visit from a member of ‘Artsekta’ who will bring along traditional Chinese costumes and artefacts for us to enjoy as well as watching and joining in with some traditional Chinese dancing! 2019 is the ‘Year of the pig’!



Children will also be making ‘Valentines’ themed artwork to get a basic understanding of this tradition.



‘Songs and Rhymes’ for January and February can be found on our website, which your child will be learning at school (*under ‘Parents’ section*). Please encourage them to join in with them at home as well!