











# Ballymoney Nursery School - February Home learning Ideas

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Say your name and clap out the sounds (syllables). Repeat this for the names of your family members	Tell the grown ups in your house why you love them.  Make a Valentine's card for them -think about how you want to design it - using the materials in your home learning bag. 	Ask an adult to draw a heart on a piece of card or paper. With their help, use the scissors from your home learning pack to cut around the heart. A grown up can help by holding the card/paper for you. 	Listen to some classical music-what instruments can you hear? How would you move to the music? Fast? Slow? How does it make you feel? Music can be found on YouTube or by asking Alexa.
Can you go on a colour treasure hunt around the house? Find things that are different colours and then sort them into sets of green things, blue things, red things etc	In your house look for and collect shoes or clothing of different sizes. Compare the sizes and talk them using words like bigger, smaller, longer, shorter, shortest, longest, biggest, smallest	Develop independence by picking out the clothes you want to wear and try and dress yourself.	If you have paints, explore with red and white paint. Red is a special colour for Chinese New Year. What happens if you mix red and white?
Practice tearing strips of long of papers from an old newspaper or magazine.  You could then make a picture with them -remember you don't have to stick them down...just lift them up and make another picture!	With the grown ups in your house, discuss how you celebrate New Year e.g. celebrating at midnight, fireworks, sing Auld lang syne, first footing etc	On 12 <sup>th</sup> February it is Chinese New year.  Watch the power point (on the website and email) about the different animals for Chinese New Year and why this happens. 	Watch the PowerPoint of what the different animals represent.  What year where you born in?   This is the Chinese New Year of the Ox. Create an ox - draw, paint or make using different resources.
An ox is hard working, strong, honest, loving and patient. Can you be like the ox and work hard around your house to help the grown ups? 	Chinese New Year-Let's Move. Justin Fletcher is telling us all about the preparations for Chinese New Year. Ask an adult to access the following website for you:- <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03g6ty1">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03g6ty1</a> (everyone who pays for a TV licence can sign up for free) 	Chinese New Year-Let's Move. Justin Fletcher is telling us joining the Parade. Ask an adult to access the following website for you:- <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03g6ty2">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03g6ty2</a> (everyone who pays for a TV licence can sign up for free) 	Try tasting some Chinese Food - noodles; stir fry; rice.   You could make this easy chow mein with your family:- <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/easy_chow_mein_for_kids_81406">https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/easy_chow_mein_for_kids_81406</a>  Talk about the different vegetables/foods in the chow mein



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