

Personal, Social, Emotional Development:

Discussions about how we can stay safe during the winter.

Winter Dressing Up Race – Who can dress themselves the fastest? Discuss the importance of keeping warm in the winter.

Encourage children to actively use the 'Worry Box' – discuss and address any worries during carpet time.

Children to link their own emotions, as well as characters feelings in Winter stories to the Zones of Regulation.

Religious Education:

Stories of Jesus' Life:

The Visit of the Wise Men. Matthew 2: 1-12

Jesus welcomes the Children. Mark 10:13-16



Physical Development:

Winter-themed yoga – 'tree pose' 'hibernating hedgehog'

Snowflake dancing using scarves.

Fine motor – ice-sculpting, building igloos, snowflake cutting, disco dough.

Gross Motor – Flippy Flappers to winter music.

Literacy:

Write CVC words onto snowflakes. Go snowflake spotting and try to read the words.

Investigate polar animals – collectively write a fact file with key words and pictures about each animal and review each week.

Use a winter-themed image to write key words and phrases about.



Signs of Winter



Mathematics:

Week 1 – Alive in 5: Numbers to 5

Focus: Subitising, recap recognising number to 5, one more and one less, writing numbers to 5.

Week 2 – Alive in 5: Counting to 10 and recapping numbers to 5.

Focus: counting to 10, composition of numbers to 5.

Week 3 – Measuring, mass, capacity

Focus: Ways to make 4 and 5, how many altogether, equal and unequal groups.

Understanding the World:

Winter Walk – discuss observations - what do you notice? What has changed?

Welly World – Winter Hunt. Ice freezing experiments.

Explore pictures and videos of the Polar Regions. Link it to the 5 senses. Start to create a fact file.

Expressive Arts and Design:

Music – Listen to winter-themed music. Discuss how it make us feel. Make our own winter music composition.

Art – Create a wintery scene using tin foil, eco-friendly glitter, paints and cotton wool.

Sketch winter trees using black cards and chalk – explore different textures.

Paint and decorate snowflakes using water colours.

Communication and Language:

Discover and discuss winter vocabulary - encourage the children to use when speaking and describing winter scenes.

Character hot-seating.

Explore our 5 senses when describing winter pictures from our key texts or videos

Key Texts:

Lost and Found

Stick Man

Jack Frost