

Knowledge and Understanding

- Make a winter investigation table.
- Discuss winter colours - white, blue, silver, grey
- Talk about the weather in winter - snow, frost and ice.
- Talk about the four seasons.
- Investigate freezing and unfreezing - (ice cubes).
- Talk about animals that live in cold climates - penguins, polar bears.
- Talk about animals that hibernate during the winter.
- Talk about the birds we can see in our garden. Discuss feeding the birds in winter and make a fat ball for the bird table.
- Discuss how we keep warm in the winter.
- Use Colour Magic to make snowman pictures.
- Watch a video clip from Ice Age.

Communication, Language and Literacy

- Share reading books about winter e.g. It's Winter, The Snowman, Snow Bear, Winnie in Winter, Hedgehog Howdedo, 'Snowy Day'.
- Introduce non-fiction books and use them to find out information about winter, seasons, weather and hibernating animals.
- Talk about words we use to describe winter - cold, freezing, icy, frosty, slippy.
- Shared writing - write a sentence about playing in the snow.
- Mark making in pretend snow (shaving foam).
- Children to talk about the weather they like.



Physical Development

- Let's Move - The Snowman
- Practise throwing and catching snowballs (bean bags).
- Try winter clothes on independently.
- Musical Jack Frost - when music stops children to make a frozen position.
- Dress and undress independently.
- Hand and eye co-ordination - cutting, sticking, mark making, malleable skills.
- Large and small scale construction.
- Outdoor toys

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Seasons and
Weather - Winter

Personal, Social and Emotional

- Circle time - children to discuss their experiences of snow. Look at photos.
- Talk about feeling cold - what do we do to keep warm.
- Select an activity of their choice
- Be confident to try new activities
- Take turns and share resources.
- Change socks and shoes independently before and after P.E.

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

- Make a snowman/person in warm clothes using 2d shapes (circle, square, rectangle, triangle).
- Count the warm clothes on the table - talk about pairs of gloves, socks, shoes. Count the fingers on the gloves.
- Make a calendar and talk about the numbers.
- Daily weather calendar.
- Move a picture of Jack Frost to a different place each day - children to describe its position.
- Sing a variety of number songs using appropriate props. Include '10 Little Snowflakes'.

Creative Development

- Free choice painting with cold colours (white, blue, silver, grey, black).
- Paint robins for class display.
- Paint pictures of snowmen / people in warm clothes.
- Make stone penguins.
- Make snowflakes and decorate with glitter.
- Make junk model snowmen.
- Use play dough to make snowmen.
- Sing winter songs and rhymes.

