

# Topic Plan Ideas – Winter

This pack contains some activity ideas for the Winter topic as well as some blank forms for you to note down your own ideas.

Staring at a blank page when planning can be difficult so we hope that even if you don't end up using our exact suggestions, they will be a spark of inspiration for your own great ideas when planning for your children.

(The different sheets are outlined below so you can decide which sheets you need to print).

Ideas sheet (Colour) – p2

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**We hope this helps!**

### Fine Motor

- Make a cardboard tube penguin.
- Feed the squirrel pencil control sheets (squirrel to nuts).
- Scissor control practice – cutting paper snowflakes.

### Number/Counting

- Find numbers hidden in instant snow powder.
- Make and count snowballs using white playdough.

### Tuff Trays

- Winter Wonderland – soft white fabrics/cotton wool/rice. Use small world toys.
- Ice blocks of different sizes on the tray. Droppers with food colouring for children to add to ice.

### Messy Play

- Shaving foam in trays. Encourage writing letters / drawing pictures in the 'snow'
- Cold cooked rice for children to feed.

### Shape/Pattern/Symmetry

- Make paper snowflakes – what shapes can we cut?
- Match footprint in the snow to the animal.
- Match and make pairs of gloves.

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### Personal Opinions & Feelings

- Discussing the signs of winter – what is your favourite part of winter?
- Winter pictogram of favourites.

### Measures

- Finding or drawing icicles. Which ones are the longest/shortest? Can we measure with blocks?
- Time: how long does it take for a small piece of ice to melt?

### Health & Self-Care

- Discussing clothing. What different clothes do we need in winter? Why do we need to keep warm?
- Draw the right winter clothes on a body outline.

### Nurturing Relationships

- Play hibernation bingo game together.
- What animals live around us in our environment? What do they do in the winter? Can we help them?

### Gross Motor

- Move like winter themed items e.g. snowflake drifting to the ground, hop like a robin.
- Writing large letters / numbers in the snow (real or pretend).

### Investigation

- Make a tray of instant snow and investigate footprint patterns e.g. small world toy animals, fairy vs giant.
- Observe a snowflake through a magnifier.

### Role-Play

- Animal homes – den building – link to hibernation.
- Arctic/Antarctica Outdoor Role Play Area – winter clothes.
- Winter wonderland.

## Winter Ideas

### Mark making

- Observational drawing of winter items.
- Writing lists of winter clothes/foods/animals.

### Creativity/Art/Design

- Make and decorate a bird box; real/junk modelled/ or mark making in paper.
- Winter ice collage – place natural items with water in a dish and freeze.

### Relevant Books

- First Snow – Kim Lewis
- The Gruffalo's Child – Julia Donaldson
- The Snowman – Raymond Briggs

### Phonics/High Freq. Words

- High frequency words buried in cotton wool/fake snow for the children to find a read.
- Phonic sounds written on each drawn glove of a pair. Children to take one glove and then try to find their matching partner.

### Songs/Music/Poems

- Frosty the Snowman
- Jingle Bells
- Make winter sounds using body percussion or instruments e.g. triangle = dripping melting icicle.

### Alphabet

- Freeze letter into ice for the children to melt/discover.
- Letters of the alphabet cut out of colourful card. Children to finger paint snowflakes on them.

### Mindfulness

- Think about your senses on a winter walk.
- Mindful breathing – can you see your breath?
- Watch the clouds.

### Colours

- Ice painting using specific colours we are learning. Paint the blocks of ice.
- Winter colours walk.
- Paint pinecones.

### Science Experiments

- Observe ice in the outdoors e.g. the difference in ice melting indoors vs outdoors – can we speed it up?

### Optional Home Learning

- Looking for and drawing any winter birds that might visit the area near the child's home.
- Go on a winter walk with family – take photos or draw pictures to record the event.

### Vocab & Communication

- Talking with a friend about their winter weekend.
- Discussing the signs of winter.
- Winter themed word cards/mat with pictures.

### Food

- Make gingerbread people.
- What would we use in a warming winter soup?
- Chopping vegetables/counting vegetable pieces.

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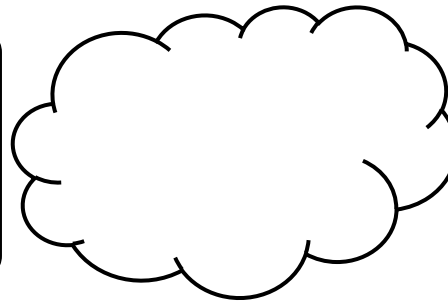
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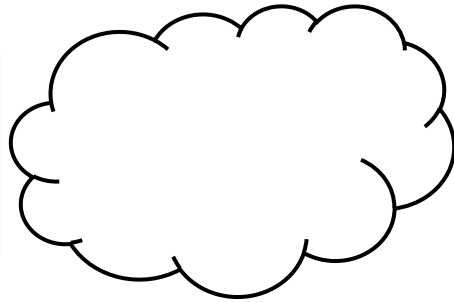
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