

Curiosity Corner Nursery

Winter Home Learning Challenges



If you try out any of our home learning challenges we would love to see them. Please share with us via Seesaw

Communication and Language

Play games on your Winter walk such as 'I Spy' and 'I Hear'.

Go on a Winter walk! Look for Winter colours and listen to the sounds of Winter. Collect leaves, conkers and sticks to make a Winter picture when you get home! These new words will extend vocabulary.

Take a magnifying glass to investigate the frost and the snow. Talk about what the snowflakes looks like. Melt the snow and discuss the changes this has made.

Talk about what happens during the Winter months like Christmas and New Years Eve. Talk about why they like or dislike Winter.

Read your favourite book, talk about it and retell the story.

Understanding the World

Go on a Winter Walk. Talk about what you see and how it is different from the other seasons. How do you feel on your walk? What do you need to wear on your walk?

Talk about animals that live in cold places. Would you like to live in those places?

Personal, social and emotional

Talk about the importance of wrapping up warm for Winter. What should we wear? Why should we wear it?

What might happen if we don't?

Discuss the importance of following rules and listening to their adults – especially wearing warm clothes in Winter.

After your Winter walk, stop for a hot chocolate and talk about the fun you've had. How were you feeling then?

How are you feeling now?

Physical Development

Walk through the snow and discuss why it may be harder to walk through snow than walk on the dry ground.

Jump in the puddles where the snow has melted and discuss the importance of wearing wellies and snow boots.

Pick up cotton wool balls with tweezers or pegs and place them into baskets.

Play in the snow and observe how this makes you and your body feel.

Draw letters in the snow or painting letters on the ice. Talk about the importance of wearing a coat in the Winter and practice the tricky task of putting on a coat and zipping it up!



Literacy

Read winter themed stories using props such as ‘Stick Man’ and the ‘Crayons at Christmas’(Remember to read your story from right to left and start at the top of the page!)

Write letters and sounds in the snow!

Practise writing/mark making your name by painting your name on a tray of ice.

Sing Winter themed Nursery rhymes such as ‘Five Little Snowmen’ and I’m a Little Snowman’.

Draw a picture of a snowman and practice writing the initial sound ‘s’.

Notice familiar signs and logo’s and see if you can read them. Notice that print has meaning.

Expressive Art and Design

Collect natural objects on your Winter walk and paint them white.

Add glitter and textures to make it look like the snow falling on the trees.

Mix colours using sticks! Add snow and ice to the paint. What happens to the colours?

Paint a picture on top of the ice and the snow.

Make a snowman using cotton wool balls. Leave materials for children to add the features of a snowman.

Paint pictures using pegs to pinch the cotton wool balls and act as a paint brush.



Mathematical Development

Go on a Winter walk and notice different patterns made by the footprints in the snow.

Gather branches and sticks on your walk. Which stick was the longest? Shortest?

Remember the route you took on your walk. Can you describe it in the correct order?

Fill containers with ice cubes. Which container held the most ice cubes? Which one holds the least?

Roll out up to 3 sticks and see if you can recognise objects up to 3!

Build a snowman using the snow with your adult. Who made the biggest snowman? Who made the smallest snowman?

Count marshmallows into your hot chocolate being careful to count each marshmallow one at a time!

Phonics

Ice Spy – Put small objects in a clear bottle and fill it with ice cubes. Find an object and say the initial sound!

Sound Sort – Place some objects in the snow/ice and group the objects that start with the same sound.

Magnet Letters – Use magnetic letters to spell a word such as ‘at’.

Winter Walk – Play the game ‘I went on an Winter Walk and I saw...’ using a bag and objects. Each item must be recalled in order.

Pass the Bag – Put some previously learnt sounds inside a bag, pull out a sound and say it! (To the tune of ‘row, row, row your boat’.