



Craft Activity

Theme: Winter

Intro: Winter is one of the four seasons and begins in Australia, on June 1st each year. It finishes at the end of August. Winter looks different across the world; some countries have snow, whilst others have rain. It can get very cold in Winter. Learn more about Winter at Playgroup today.

Craft activity: Pop Stick Snowflakes

Children will need: Pop sticks, white paint, glitter, ribbon, PVA glue, tape.

Instructions: Glue 4 pop sticks together to make a snowflake shape as per picture. Paint your snowflake and whilst the paint is still wet, sprinkle on some glitter. Glue or tape a loop of ribbon to the end of one pop stick.

Extension idea:

Try making a paper snowflake by folding a square piece of paper in half (into a triangle shape). Fold this triangle in half and then in half again. Cut out small shapes from along the 3 edges. Unfold the paper to see your snowflake.

Fact: Snowflakes are made from ice crystals that form when a very cold drop of water freezes around a dirt or pollen particle floating in the air. New crystals are built as they fall to the ground. Each snowflake could have as many as 200 crystals in them! Wow!



Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world.

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Ice Cube Tray

You will need: Ice cube trays/moulds, recycled containers, small plastic animals, water, large tray, paint brushes and water pot.

Instructions: Put plastic animals in ice cube trays/moulds and containers. Cover with water and freeze overnight.

Pop out ice and place into a large tray. Provide paint brushes and a water pot for child to help defrost the animals.

Outside ideas:

Jumping in muddy puddles or make your own muddy puddles.... bring your gumboots!

Group time ideas:

- What season is it now?
- Who knows what the 3 months of Winter are?
- What is the weather like during winter?
- What do you wear in winter?
- Coordinator can talk about where snow mainly falls in Australia (during Winter, snow falls in some areas of New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania). In South Australia we usually don't get much snow however, snow has been seen in Mt Lofty in the Adelaide Hills.
- Has anyone felt snow before? What did it feel like?
- What can you do in the snow? (Ski, sled, build a snowman, make snowballs)

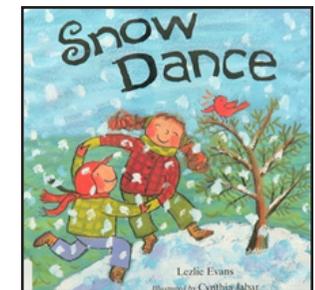
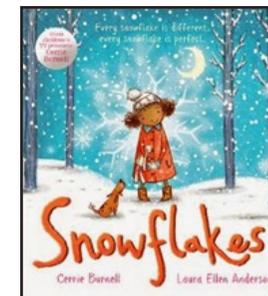


Book Suggestions:

Snowflakes By Cerrie Burnell & Laura Ellen Anderson,

Snow Dance By Lezlie Evans

(You can use an iPad or laptop to watch Snow Dance on YouTube).





Dance Like Snowflakes

(to the tune of "Frere Jacques")

Dance like snowflakes,
Dance like snowflakes,
In the air,
In the air,
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes,
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes,
Here and there,
Here and there.

It's Raining, It's Pouring

It's raining, it's pouring,
The old man is snoring.
He bumped his head, and he went to bed,
And he couldn't get up in the morning

It is Raining

(to the tune of "Where is Thumbkin")

It is raining, it is raining,
On my head, on my head.
Pitter, patter raindrops,
Pitter, patter raindrops,
I'm all wet, I'm all wet!

Rain on the Green Grass

Rain on the green grass (wiggle fingers down to floor and out wide)
And rain on the trees (wiggle fingers up and over head)
Rain on the housetop (make an upside-down "V" with hands)
But NOT on me! (arms over head to make an umbrella)

Rain, Rain, Go Away

Rain, rain, go away
Come again some other day
We want to go outside and play
Come again some other day