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Lingdale Primary School

Nursery Home Learning - Winter

**Story:** This week's stories are based on our new topic of Winter.

Snow friends - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUaJDLHI8Ec>

Guess how much I love you in Winter - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZvqWAjD36I>

Read the snow friends story and talk about how the characters worked together to make a snowman.



We have attached a winter activities sheet with lots of ideas linked to the theme of Winter to try at home.

### Mark making

Pour salt, sugar or flower into a small tray. Children can use their finger to make marks, patterns or practise writing the letters of their name.



On a frosty morning, this could also be done outside on frosty surfaces.

Children could also practise their pencil control with the different sheets attached in your pack.

### Singing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbkSoGMpZVg>

Use the link above for children to sing some simple snowmen and Winter songs.

### Understanding of the world

Go on a Winter walk and look for the different signs of Winter. You could use the attached winter hunt checklist to help you...

Exploring ice - freeze some of your children's small toys in bags or icecube trays. Can the children investigate how to free the small toys? Spray with water? Add warm water? Chip away with a spoon?



Explore freezing and melting by making Different treats such as ice lollies, frozen yoghurt or hot chocolate and melting chocolate buttons.

### Physical Development:

#### Fine motor skills

Make snowflakes by folding paper and cutting snips on the different sides. Unfold to see what different snowflakes you have made.

Children could practise their cutting skills with the shape snow men activity sheet attached in their packs.

#### Gross motor:

Practise some Winterwonderland Yoga from Cosmic Kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlg052EKMtk>

### Letters and sounds:



Please also see the attached sheet for some sounds and rhyme activities which you can try at home.

### Maths

Use the song Five little Snowmen to count the snowmen and take one away each time. Can children count how many they have left? We have put the 5 snowmen for you to cut out in your packs and a copy of the rhyme too.

### Creative:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYdW4u1uGzI>

Freeze a small amount of paint with water and make ice paints for the children to explore.

Or children could paint on to the ice. Ideas on the link below...

<https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/ice-painting-for-kids/>

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# Help your child learn to write



## SCRIBBLING & DRAWING

Your child needs to practice making marks and shapes before being able to write letters. Provide lots of opportunities to scribble and draw so they can develop these skills.

## PLAYDOUGH, PEGS & FINGER PUPPETS

Your child needs to be able to use their fingers independently to write. Activities that strengthen and encourage your child to use their fingers will develop the skills your child needs.



## CLIMBING & SWINGING

Your child needs strong arm and body muscles to sit up and write. They also need good control of their arms. Outdoor activities that encourage them to use their whole body will develop these muscles.

## THREADING, CLAPPING, BATTING & STREAMERS

Crossing the body's mid-line is an important skill needed for writing. Encourage your child to thread items along a string. Clapping games, batting a tennis ball or a balloon, and playing with long streamers, all help to encourage this skill.



## TORCHES & BALL GAMES

Your child needs to track with their eyes to write. Asking your child to follow a torchlight, just with their eyes, will develop their tracking skills. Ball games will also develop this skill.

## PLAYING WITH AND IDENTIFYING LETTERS & WORDS

Your child needs to be interested in letters and words to write. Encourage your child to look for letters and words in their home and environment.

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## WRITING LISTS & WRITING FOR

Your child needs to understand that writing is for communication. Ask your child to help you write a note for a friend or neighbour.

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