

# Winter Learning from Home Activities

- Look at tracks in the snow/frost – compare the footprint patterns – can children identify other tracks made by birds, cats or dogs? Within your family, look at individual footprints, discuss different sizes, shapes and patterns, can they put them in size order?

- Take a magnifying glass and go out and look at the frost/snow on plants and spider webs – your children will be fascinated by what they can see.

- If it snows at some point, make a snowman using 3 balls of snow – (if you are feeling really brave/clever you could even refer to them as spheres!!) – compare the sizes. Measure the snowman's height by asking children to stand next to it, and judging whether it is taller, shorter, or the same as they are.

- If it doesn't snow, how about making snowmen pictures with potato prints/ marshmallows

- How about making some beautiful coloured ice ornaments by freezing coloured water and then hanging them on the trees in the garden .

- Bird feeders, we have made these in the past, and may do so again, loads of messy fun!

- If all else fails – you can just snuggle up and watch “The Snowman” or even “The Snowman and the Snow dog” – there is so much to talk about in this, in particular the science of water, ice and rather heartbreaking melting or perhaps try one of our recommended winter reads or songs



## Recommended Reads and Songs

“First Snow” by Kim Lewis

“Lets go home Little Bear” by Martin Waddell

“One Snowy Night” by Nick Butterworth

“Penguin Small” by Mick Inkpen

“The Snowman” and “The Snowman and the Snowdog” by Raymond Briggs



## Five Woolly Hats

Sung to “Five Currant Buns”

Five Woolly hats on five happy heads.

Warm and cosy with pompoms in red.

Along came a breeze that was wild and strong

Whisked a hat away, oh dear where's it gone?

Four Woolly hats..... (Stop after each verse and ask the children questions eg How many hats are there now, more or less than before?)



## I'm a Friendly Snowman

Sung to: "I'm a little teapot"

I'm a friendly snowman big and fat.  
(stretch arms out to sides)  
Here is my tummy and here is my hat.  
(point to tummy, then top of head)  
I'm a happy fellow, here's my nose.  
(smile, then point to nose)

I'm all snow from my head to my toes.  
(point to head, then to toes)  
I have two bright eyes so I can see.  
(point to eyes)

All the snow falling down on me.  
(flutter fingers downward)  
When the weather's cold I'm strong and tall.  
(stand up tall)  
But when it's warm I get very small.  
(crouch down low)

Remember to have fun and please share with us on facebook or Tapestry