

## Snow Days for Reception

Here are some ideas of activities to do with your child if the school is shut because of the snow.

Any work you do we would love to see when school re-opens.

- Reading of reading book, sound book and number book (remember to ask your child questions about what they have read e.g. Who were the characters? Why was that character upset? How do they feel/why? What happened at the beginning/middle/end? Where was the setting? etc. Don't forget to write a comment in the reading record book so we can see when you have read (**Literacy Development – Reading, Communication and Language – Listening and Attention & Understanding**)
- Reading of other books – you can read to your child and then test their comprehension of what they have listened to by asking them questions similar to the those mentioned above (**Literacy Development – Reading, Communication and Language – Listening and Attention & Understanding**)
- Observational drawings (**Physical Development – Moving and Handling, EAD – Being Imaginative, Literacy Development – Writing**)
  - Icicles
  - Spider webs
  - Trees
  - Snow men
- Exploring the different ways you can make snow melt – Experiment with heat, salt etc (**Understanding the World – World**)
- Make a snow man
  - Think about the 3D shapes you need to use to make them (**Mathematical Development – Shape, Space and Measures, EAD – Being Imaginative**)
- Compare footprint sizes (**Mathematical Development – Shape, Space and Measures**)
- Count how many footsteps you can see when you are out and about (**Mathematical Development – Number**)
- Identify animal footprints (**Understanding the World – World**)
- Leave out a small bowl of water. Observe how long it takes to freeze (**Understanding the World – World**)
- Put food out for birds. Observe when they come to eat it (**Understanding the World – World**)
- Play 'I spy' using the initial sounds we have learnt – wintery and snowy items (**Literacy Development – Reading and Writing**)

- Mark making in the snow with a stick:
  - Writing your name
  - Forming letters and numbers
  - sounding out and writing words
  - Drawings(Don't forget to take a picture of these and bring them in to school!!!) (**Literacy Development – Writing, EAD – Exploring Using Media and Materials/Being Imaginative, PD – Moving and Handling**)
- Play outside in the snow – have a snow fight – practice throwing skills (**Physical Development – Moving and Handling**)
- Wrap up warm – encourage your child to put their coat, gloves, scarfs on by themselves (**Physical Development –Health and Self Care**)