



It's snow good...we'll have to go and play in it...

Unfortunately, there are sometimes days when we cannot open the school, or children are unable to make it in safely. This is a selection of activities we have put together for children to complete at such times. The activities are linked to Curriculum for Excellence.

Any assigned homework tasks must be completed first, before trying out the snow pack activities. It should only be used on days where the school has been closed/you cannot get to school due to weather conditions.

*** Please keep this pack at home.***

Here are some fun ideas for things you can do in the snow on those days when you cannot get to school!

- Build a snow cave or pit. Is it warm? Try making some seats on the inside!
- Look for animal tracks in the snow.
See if you can find the tracks of dogs, cats, birds, and other wildlife in the snow. Check out a book from your local library if you can, or carry out an internet search, on animals and animal tracks and see how many different animal tracks you can identify.
- Make a snowman! Give him some buttons, a face, a scarf and a hat and anything else you think he might need.
- Measure how tall the snowman is – how many hands high is he? Now measure how wide he is – can you fit your arms all the way round?
- What shapes have you used to make the eyes, nose and mouth? What can you find that is best for making these bits around your house or garden?
- Try to write your numbers 1-10, or beyond if you're feeling clever, in the snow with your finger or a stick.
- How many of your sounds can you write in the snow? Can you write any words?
- Remember, if you have Internet, an adult can help you access all sorts of websites and games!
 - Try some of the winter experiments, but make sure you have an adult to help you!

If it is too cold outside even to make a snowman, have a go at some of these activities.

- Begin a snow journal. Take pictures (or draw pictures) of the front and back of your home, as well as your surrounding neighbourhood.
- Make a snowball, then make one which is smaller, and one which is larger.
- Think of lots of words to describe the snow.
- Family baking and cooking projects are excellent opportunities for pupils to practice reading and following directions, weights and measurements. Plus everyone can enjoy the results!
- Card games, board games and Charades - all of these provide great opportunities for strategic thinking and communications while indoors where it's (hopefully) warm.

Other resources...

- If you can get to the Library then this is full of resources that will help your child's learning and keep them busy in the snow days.
- Remember to learn spellings and practise sounds.
- Practise numbers up to 3, then up to 5, then up to 6, then up to 10, then up to 20 if you can manage! Can you count higher than 20? Give it a go!
- This is always a good use of time!

Keep safe and remember – enjoy the snow, we can learn so much from our environment, it never has to be boring!

Snow Angel



- Wrap up REALLY warm :O)
 - Find a fresh area of snow like a blank canvas
 - Lie down on the snow then sweep your arms and legs up and down – this creates the wings and the angel's skirt.
 - Carefully get up – try not to disturb the snow angel shape you've just made.
- * What other shapes can you make – Can you make animals or trees?

See who can make the biggest snow angel.

Decorate the angel by giving it wings, using branches, and a face.

What can you find around you that works best?



Winter's Diamonds

If you want to make icicles, don't forget the most important ingredient: a cold winter night. In this fun winter activity, you'll learn how to make winter's diamonds.

What You'll Need:

Pencil
Plastic cup
String
Water
Needle or pin

How to Make Winter's Diamonds – Do this with an adult

With an adult, using a sharp pencil, poke three or four holes around the lip of a plastic cup. Tie plenty of string through each hole, then tie the ends of the strings together to make a hanger for the cup.

Use a needle or pin to poke a very small hole in the bottom of the cup. Be careful not to poke yourself.

Fill the cup with water. The water should drip very slowly out of the hole in the bottom. On a cold night, before you go to bed, hang the cup outside on a branch or nail. Overnight, an icicle will form at the bottom of the cup.

Snow Ice Cream - Do this with an adult



Make your own Snow Ice Cream.

What You'll Need:

Clean snow
Bowl
Sugar
Vanilla extract
Milk or cream

How to Make Snow Ice Cream

Scoop some freshly fallen snow into a big, chilled bowl. (Make sure the snow you take is clean and white. If the snow is brown or yellow, it will taste yucky.)

Nestle the bowl in the snow to keep it cold while you make snow ice cream. Add a little sugar, a few drops of vanilla extract, and some very cold milk or cream. Stir together and eat.

You might like to take your tasty treat inside to enjoy by a warm fire. Experiment with different flavors of snow ice cream. Try adding some cinnamon or

cocoa powder.



Do this with an adult.

Make a bird feeder – those birds can really suffer in the cold winter months, so have a go at this: **Recycled Bird Feeder**

You can make your own recycled bird feeder using just a simple used plastic squash or soft drinks bottle, or a used plastic milk carton. Make sure that you thoroughly wash and dry the bottle before use.

Then, leaving the bottle lid on, cut a small hole around half way down the bottle. The hole should be just about big enough so that the birds can access the seeds, and the seed itself can flow down, but not so large that the seed dribbles out at the slightest breeze!

You should also add in a few small holes at the bottom of the bottle, to aid drainage in case any rainwater finds its way into the feeder. A few small holes at the top of the feeder will also encourage ventilation, helping to reduce moisture that may encourage fungal growths.

Then using garden wire, you can make a small hook and fix to the bottle screw cap. The recycled bird feeder can then be hung out on a branch. Make sure that you replace the feeder with a new bottle if it starts to go green or appears mouldy at all.