Sensory Pathway Home Learning:

Topic: Seasons- Winter

Term: Spring

Subject	Activity ideas	Resources
English	Mark-making activities	Icing sugar/
English	Mark-making activities Put icing sugar or flour in a tray to represent snow. Encourage your child to make marks – they may use their fingers to feel and explore or even to draw lines and circles. You may want to use different tools to make marks such as forks, sticks, toys or anything else you can find at home! Painting on snow Coffee filter snowflakes Glue dripping glitter snowflakes Winter scene pictures using wax and water colours Snow covered tree picture using finger print painting Bubble wrap printing to look like snow Mark making in snow/ glitter/ white paint	Icing sugar/flour Tray Optional: Forks, sticks, other
	Keywords: Line, circle, draw Leaf Art: Help or encourage your child to find some leaves outside. Use paint to make marks using the leaves by pressing them into the paint and then onto the paper. Allow your child to explore the leaves, paint, and encourage them to look at the prints they make. Can they feel and touch the	Leaves Paper Paint/ glue

leaves? Can they make patterns?

You may not have any paint so you could make pictures using the leaves by gluing them onto paper. Can they make marks on the paper using the glue? Can they make a winter picture?

Keywords: Leaf, paint, stick

Reading:

Example: "Winter is Here" by Kevin Henkes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anByRvtTrDE





You may like to add props to the story for your child to explore. Some ideas to include are:

- Fake snow (anything that may look or feel like snow will be great)
- Branches/ sticks and leaves from outside
- Ice
- Outdoor and winter clothing hats, gloves, scarves, boots and jackets
- White/grey and blue material

Key words: winter, ice, jacket

iPad/ computer/ tablet or book

Optional: Snow, sticks, leaves, ice outdoor and winter clothing, white/grey and blue material

Maths

Number Rhymes and Counting Songs:

Sing different number rhymes or songs and encourage your child to join in. This may be by listening and giving eye contact, joining in with actions or words or counting.

Optional: iPad/tablet/computer

Some songs that can be found on YouTube for you to use are:

- Counting Song 5 Little Penguins https://youtu.be/-scENG uisc
- 5 little snowmen singing hands

Key words: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, count

Making Snowman Bottles:

You will need:

- Plastic bottle
- Cotton wool
- Pens/ paper and glue

What to do:

1. Encourage your child to draw a snowman face on the plastic bottle – it may not look like a face but any marks would be great! You could support your child to draw the face items on paper (eyes, nose mouth)

and cut them out to stick on the bottle instead.

2. Encourage your child to add cotton wool into bottle. Model counting each piece 1, 2, 3 as you add the cotton wool. You could use fingers, hands or tweezers to post the cotton wool. Can they help count the cotton wool? Do they feel and explore the cotton wool?

Plastic bottle Cotton wool Pens/paper/ glue

Optional: tweezers

Keywords: 1, 2, 3, snowman

Making melting snowman biscuits

You will need:

- Biscuit
- Icing sugar
- Water
- Marshmallow
- Something to decorate with such as smarties/ raisins/ icing pens

What to do:

- Count out 5 spoonful's of icing sugar into bowl. Encourage your child to do this as independently as possible. It may help if you model this or do it with them.
- 2. Add 2 spoonful's of water to the icing sugar. Mix the icing sugar and water. You may need to add more water/ icing sugar depending on



Ingredients listed Bowl Spoon how the mixture looks.

- 3. Scoop the icing and spread it onto a biscuit. Talk about the shape of the biscuit as you do (round, circle, square). Can they spread the icing? Do they feel and taste the icing?
- 4. Place marshmallow onto the iced biscuit.
- 5. Decorate your snowman with smarties/ raisins. Model counting the items. Can they count the items? Can they identify the colours? Can they make patterns?

Keywords: Scoop, mix, biscuit

Science	Going on a Nature Hunt	Weather
	Go for a walk and spend time collecting and looking for different items. Can	appropriate/
	you find or see any winter items?	not
	Use the check sheet attached for some ideas of what you might want to look	appropriate
	for!	clothing
		Optional:
	Work on getting dressed for cold weather. Can they choose the appropriate	Check sheet
	clothing?	
	Key words:	
	Winter Sensory Tray	Tray
	Create a winter sensory tray for your child to explore. You can use any tray or	
	box you have at home.	
	To make your tray you could use flour or icing sugar, sliver or blue beads (if	
	you have them) or coloured rice to make snow. You could also add hand make	
	snowflakes, snowmen or penguins to explore.	
	Can they identify items that are in the tray? Do they explore the items in	
	different ways?	
	Keywords: Snow, look, feel, touch	
	Making Blue Rice:	Rice
	Encourage pupils to scoop and mix as independently as possible. Do they	Vinegar
	explore the rice using different senses? Can they watch as the rice changes	Food
	colour? Do they show awareness of the changes happening?	colouring
		Bowl
	What you need:	Spoon
	White rice	Baking tray
	Vinegar	Baking paper
	Food colouring	
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	1. Scoop 1 cup of rice and pour into a bowl.	
	2. Add 1 or more speeps of food colouring until you get the colour you	
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	 Pour onto a tray covered in baking paper and leave to dry. Once dry, you can explore and play. 	
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	Key words: mix, pour, scoop, colours	
	Shortbread:	Ingredients
	symbol recipe attached	listed
	Encourage your child to add the different ingredients as independently as	Recipe
	possible. Can they scoop the flour into a bowl? Can they mix the ingredients?	
	Do they explore the ingredients using their different senses?	Oven
		Bowl
	Ingredients	Spoon
	• 125g butter	Rolling pin
	• 55g caster sugar	(or bottle)
	180g plain flour	Baking tray
	Method	
	1. Preheat the oven to 190C or Gas mark 5	
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- Beat the butter and the sugar together until smooth
 Stir in the flour to get a smooth paste.
 Put onto a work surface and roll it out using a rolling pin or similar.
 Cut into circles or any shape you want and put on baking tray.
- 6. Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes until golden brown. Leave to cool

Keywords: Pour, mix, scoop, roll

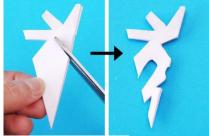
Put some ice into a bowl or onto a tray and use a hairdryer to blow heat onto the ice and watch as the ice melts. SAFETY: • Make sure that the hair dryer is far enough away from the melted ice water to ensure it does not get wet. • Use a tray that will not melt if heated. • Keep the hairdryer on a low heat and supervised at all times. • Only use the hair dryer short periods and turn off in-between. ALTERNATIVE: • Use a hairdryer to feel warm/ cold. Can they turn the hairdryer on/off? Can they identify hot/ cold? Do they show like or dislike to warm/ cold? • Use fan to blow leaves or fake snow/ confetti. Encourage pupils to watch the leaves/ snow blow around. Keywords: Ice, hair dryer, melt, cold, hot Exploring Light and Dark Turn off the lights to make a room as dark as possible (close blinds). If it is not dark enough you could use a blanket to make a den. Explore different lights whilst in the dark. You could use anything that lights up that you have at home e.g. a torch, light up toy, fairy lights or phone torch. Encourage your child to look at the lights and operate them as independently as possible. Can they watch the lights move around?	Computing	Melting Ice with a Hairdryer:	Hairdryer
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them by pressing the pause button. Model choosing and playing a song. Do			
they show a preference of songs? Can they operate the device e.g. iPad,			
phone, computer, independently?		phone, computer, independently?	
Songs about Polar bears and other Arctic animals.			
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Key words: Start, stop, press

Art / DT







- Paper plate snowmen
- Snow globe paper plates
- Snow globe pictures
- Snowflakes
- Snowman mobiles
- Winter scene pictures

Moveme nt Break Ideas

Action Songs on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjd7Z 7DdU4&list=PL7TUiu 8GRtDehNmhKuWau7Ljugue qbbi

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=He5Xu11HBkM&list=PL7TUiu 8GRtDehNmhKuWau7Ljug ueqbbi&index=2

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBYNtMyN 6E&list=PL7TUiu 8GRtDehNmhKuWau7Ljugueqbbi&index=3

Just Dance on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ebf3dGGdFg
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkstiMe2Ybs