

## Activity – “arctic” sensory tray

### Key areas of learning:

- Science-Enquiry
- Maths



### What you will need:

- Flour
- Blue food colouring
- ice cubes
- pictures/objects of animals

### Keywords:

- Ice, arctic, animals, cold, white

### What to do:

- 1) Use cups or ice cube moulds to freeze arctic animals or photos of animals
- 2) Mix water and food colouring in a deep tray or bowl.
- 3) Take out the frozen animals/photos
- 4) Place in the tray
- 5) Watch the animals appear as the ice melts.

### Extension:

- Add salt and other materials to make the ice melt such as a hairdryer.
- Can you think of other resources to make the ice melt?
- Can you get dressed for the arctic? What can you wear to keep you warm?
- Use equipment like salad tongues to encourage and develop fine motor skills
- Can you count how many animals you can see?



polar bear



penguin



whale



walrus



arctic



fox



caribou

1

one

2

two

3

three

4

four

5

five

6

six