



Snow Days Home Learning Activities

Sheet 2.

Over the next few days the nursery staff will suggest some activities you can do at home if the nursery is closed. Please use post-its, pieces of paper and photographs to record your child's response and learning during the activities. Bring them to nursery so that your child can share them with their key worker and stick them into their learning journal. Keep the activities short and fun and suited to your child's interests. Thank you for your support.

Communication, Language and Literacy

- Make a list of all the exciting words your children use to describe the snow as they play. Take a photograph of your child in the snow to go in their Learning Journey with their words. Enjoy making up some fun words of their own!
- With your child use a stick to draw pictures and make shapes, marks and patterns in the snow. Make letter type shapes from their names.
- Look at the patterns in the snow the children leave behind in the snow from their boots. Talk about the patterns they make. Can you find other patterns in the snow.....? Where did they come from? (eg. paw marks, car tracks, sledge tracks etc.)

Physical Development. Fine motor skills.

Here is our recipe for play dough which you could make at home.

One mug of plain flour
Half mug of salt
One tablespoon of oil
Two teaspoons of cream of tartar
Food colouring
One mug of water

Put all ingredients in a saucepan and heat slowly. Keep stirring until mixture forms a ball shape. Remove from heat and knead for a minute. You can be adventurous and add peppermint or vanilla essence or even some left over glitter.

Use the dough to work those fingers making shapes, rolling snakes or balls and even making the playdough flat and printing with different objects to see what shapes and patterns you can find on the bottom of everyday objects...keys, pots, and cooking utensils.