

Working Together to Extend your Child's Learning at Home

As we work in partnership with parents/carers we ask that you continue to enhance your child's learning and development at home over the coming weeks through sharing and exploring with some or all of the following activities which you can enjoy together:

New items added to YouTube -

[Auntie Jen reads One Snowy Night](#)

[I spy with Auntie Rachel and favourite story toys](#)

Activities to do:

- ☀️ Read your child the One Snowy Night story or follow the above link to see Auntie Jen reading the story.



Talk about the cold weather and how the animals come into Percy's hut to keep warm. Can they think of ways to keep warm, maybe clothes to wear or activities they could do? Play some movement games outdoors with your child (follow the below links for some suggestions). Draw their attention to how much warmer they feel when they are running around and keeping active.

[How to play What's the time Mr Wolf?](#)

[How to play Beans](#)

☀ Find a variety of empty packaging boxes and other 'junk modelling' items. Talk about the different shapes of the boxes and how they can combine some together to form more shapes. Can your child create the house of their favourite story character from the items? Encourage them to learn by trial and error how to stick boxes together using Sellotape, glue and elastic bands. Can they paint it or use collage items to decorate it?

☀ We are experimenting with ice this week in nursery. Make some ice lollies with your child. Draw their attention to how the lollies begin as a liquid. Let them choose some juice and pieces of fruit to go in too. Show them how the fruit moves about in the juice. Help them to put the lollies in the freezer and then observe what happens at different periods of time. Show them when the surface is frozen, but they can still put their finger through and then show them when they are completely frozen. Draw their attention to the fact that the fruit cannot move about now as it is frozen solid!

Then comes the best part - eat them! I hope they taste good!



- ☀️ We are learning about the sound 'mmm'. Follow the above link to join in with Auntie Rachel's initial sound with favourite story characters activity. Play 'I Spy' with your child. Are they able to think of what might begin with the same sound? Younger children may like to play 'I Spy' but find something that is a certain colour or shape instead.



- ☀️ Spray shaving foam in a large tray and encourage your child to explore it with their senses. Can they make large marks in the foam using their hands, maybe create large circles, triangles or squares?



- ☀️ Play alongside your child at an activity of their own choosing. As they play use the commenting approach (see below link) to give a running commentary of what they are doing. Continue to try to carry out the commenting approach with your child for approximately 10 minutes daily.

[An introduction to using the commenting approach with your child](#)

Below are some useful links that you may wish to browse to find other ideas for activities!

- ❖ [Better Health Start for Life - tips on helping your child to talk](#)
- ❖ [Activities for babies, toddlers and children - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)
- ❖ [Family Zone | National Literacy Trust](#)
- ❖ [Black Country Early Outcomes | Activities for under 5s](#)

[Activities for kids: Fun development and bonding ideas for babies, toddlers and pre-school children](#)