

Ideas for Parents on the theme of “Winter”

Winter Treasure Hunt

Wrap up in warm clothes and see if you can find the following outdoors:

- a bare tree
- some frost
- an evergreen tree
- a bird
- something white
- your breath



Snowflakes

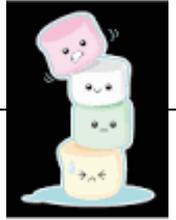
Take a square piece of paper. Fold it in half. Press it down. Fold it in half again.

Cut simple shapes along the folds of the paper.

Open up to find a snowflake.



Marshmallow Stack



Count how many Marshmallows you and your child can build to make a tower. (This is a good activity to develop hand-eye co-ordination as well as counting skills.)

Snow Dough

Pour baking soda into a large mixing bowl and spray it with water while mixing it. Add glitter. The snow dough should turn loose and fluffy. Explore the feel of the dough; add small figures, small trees and arctic animals to create an environment for small world play.



Other Ideas

Print on a piece of paper using a large potato dipped in black paint. When dry, print on the black shape using white paint on a smaller potato. Add small pieces (buttons, googly eyes, orange felt triangle) to create feet and facial features for a penguin. If you prefer snowmen, you could potato-print with 2 circles of white paint, adding a hat, scarf and facial features.

Gather a selection of small twigs. Glue onto blue paper to make a tree. Use a cotton bud dipped in white paint to print white circles on the tree and on the ground to create a winter tree scene.