



STEPHEN HAWKING SCHOOL

Winter and Christmas



Share some Christmas or winter stories together, or enjoy them being read online.

Snow Bear by Tony Mitton:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0001jd4/cbeebies-bedtime-stories-668-natalie-dormer-snow-bear>

Stick Man by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler:

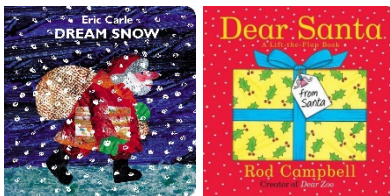
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8pKjYgjPLI&feature=emb_logo

Dream Snow by Eric Carlie:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SodXkTEtal4&feature=emb_logo

Dear Santa by Rod Campbell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBTIUE4GCul>



Make a sensory bag or bottle using a zip lock or sealable sandwich bag or clean plastic bottle filled with:

- Cotton wool balls and glitter
- Evergreen leaves, pine needles and green glitter
- Cut up kitchen foil, silver glitter and cut up shiny pipe cleaners
- Sequins and white paper circles made with a hole punch

Make gingerbread playdough using the recipe below.

Explore the smells of the spices as you add them.



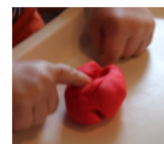
Things to do with playdough



Press it



Pull it



Poke it



Roll it

Use a cutter if you have one to press out gingerbread people.

If it is safe for your child to do so, use buttons, sequins, pasta shapes or lentils to decorate.



Cut out circles of card from an old box and use pens, glitter, paint, crayons, sequins etc. to make simple Christmas tree decorations by adding a loop of ribbon or string.



Make some salt dough using the recipe here and follow the instructions to make a handprint Christmas decoration.

<https://theimaginationtree.com/salt-dough-handprint-christmas-tree/>



Use green paint to make a handprint Christmas tree. Decorate with coloured paint, glitter, sequins.



Make a Christmas wreath:

- Use a washing up brush and green paint to print a Christmas wreath and add a shiny bow.
- Cut the middle out of a paper plate and use paints and pom poms or coloured paper to decorate



Cut out triangles of card or paper for your child to mark make on using pens, pencils, crayons or paint, or stick strips of paper or coloured tape to make Christmas trees.



Use the winter animals at the bottom of the handout to:

- Make finger puppets to tell a simple story
- Add to a winter scene using an old shoebox, cotton wool, glitter and paint.



Use the winter animal cards and/or baseboard below to:

- Cut out one set and use the other as a baseboard. Encourage your child to turn the animals over and match to their baseboard. Say and sign the names- polar bear, penguin, snow hare, snowy owl, seal and wolf.
- Cut out both sets of cards and play pick up pairs, using the names as above.

Gingerbread Playdough



Recipe

You will need

- 8 tbsp plain flour
- 2 tbsp table salt
- 2 tablespoons allspice
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- 60ml warm water
- food colouring
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil

Method

1. Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl. In a separate bowl mix together the water, a few drops of food colouring and the oil.
2. Pour the coloured water into the flour mix and bring together with a spoon.
3. Dust a work surface with a little flour and turn out the dough. Knead together for a few minutes to form a smooth dough
4. Store in a plastic container in the fridge to keep it fresh

Winter Animals



Winter Animals cards and/or baseboard



