

Second Level (5-7)

Snow Day Activities

Literacy

- Make up a winter quiz to ask others in the class.
- Write a snow/winter alphabet, e.g. a - avalanche, b - blizzard.
- How many words can you make from the letters in **WINTER WONDERLAND**. Make a list and bring in to school to share with the class.
- Use the wintry landscape as a setting for a story.
- Write a poem about Winter. Use adjectives.
- Make sure your reading homework is up-to-date.
- Choose a Book Detectives task to complete with either your reading book or your favourite book.
- Write a book review about the book you are reading.
- Write a news report about the snowy weather including details about how it is affecting your family.
- Re-write the lyrics to "The 12 days of Christmas" to make a modern version of the gifts. E.g. On the first day of Christmas my granny gave to me a brand new Nintendo Wii.
- Design a front cover for a book you have read recently and write a blurb that would make people want to read it.
- Write a diary entry about your day off school. Focus on your personal feelings.
- Write an information report about snow that you could present to younger children.
- Using a camera take pictures of your day. Use them to create a comic strip of your day, remembering to sequence them correctly.
- Write a winter poem using rhyming language.
- Write an imaginative story about getting stuck in a snow storm.

Health and Wellbeing

- Find a healthy recipe e.g. soup. Write out the recipe. If you have the ingredients you could make this.
- Choose your favourite song at the moment and create a dance routine that you could teach to the class. Write down the moves so you don't forget them.
- Make up a circuit of activities you could do in the snow.
- Go out for a walk in the snow and enjoy the fresh air.

Numeracy and Maths

- Go outside and make a snowman measuring less than 50cm tall with a girth of about 1m.
- Design a calendar and add any special events. E.g. birthdays or anniversaries.
- Find two containers which can hold the same amount of water.
- Practise your multiplication and division facts.
- Help an adult to cook or bake following a recipe. Take responsibility for measuring the ingredients.
- Using any shopping catalogue (including on the internet) "buy" birthday gifts up to the value of £50 for different members of your family.
- Measure the snow using a ruler in one place each hour and keep a note of how much it increased or decreases throughout the day/days. You could then draw a graph to chart the changes.
- Write out 15 numbers in hundred of millions, millions, thousands etc. Order them from the smallest number to the largest. What is the difference between the largest and smallest number?
- Create your own Christmas present survey table. Ask at least 5 friends or family members what their favourite presents are. Create a graph to present your findings either by hand or using a computer program.
- You have a budget of £100 to spend on a party for 10 people. Using a supermarket website to help you, make a list of what you would buy and how much it would cost. Remember that everyone has to have something to eat and drink. You must not go over £100.
- Think of a 3-digit number and write down 15 different ways to make this number. Write your answers in the grid provided.
- Write out 20 sums which include adding or subtracting Thousands, Hundreds, Tens and Units.
- Complete times tables challenges with your friends and family.

Science

- Investigate snow and ice. e.g. how long does it take to melt in different places inside and outside the house. Write out your experiment and include what you did and the results you got.
- Visit the www.bbc.co.uk/weather website to gather facts and figures about the bad weather we are experiencing. Using this information, write a weather report for the whole of Britain which will give people detailed information about what temperatures and conditions they should expect.
- Research snowflakes.
- Compare weather forecasts using:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/>
www.metcheck.com
www.metoffice.gov.uk

Art

- Look out of your window and create a detailed drawing of what you see.
- Create a snow sculpture. Take a photograph or draw a picture of it to share with the class.
- Take interesting photographs of anything snowy. Put these into a power point or create a collage to display back in school.
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Technology

- Design your own 'super sledge or skateboard'. Label it and make a list of the materials you would need to build it.
- Design your own "snow themed" board game. Don't forget the rules for the game.
- Build a snow castle. If possible take a picture of it to show to the class.
- Using the internet, find out what parts of the world are cold all year round. Note down your findings.
- Log in to GLOW and try out some snow games suggested online.

Research Activities

- Research, record and bring in some fascinating winter facts
e.g. coldest ever recorded temperature, coldest place in the world, creatures that live in the cold, coldest place in Britain today, what snow is, how ice forms ...
- Research the temperature in other parts of the world. Start with capital cities.

Additional Activities

There is a super GLOW group set up for Aberdeenshire Schools entitled "M2C Snow Special Edition". This group provides lots of different activities to participate in.

Websites which may be helpful:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Christmas/ChristmasGames.aspx>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>

<http://www.coolmath-games.com>

<http://www.primaryinteractive.co.uk/>

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

www.multiplication.com