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Learning and Participation Resource Pack

The Weather: Session 3 – Snow

Originally for EYFS/KS1 pupils with ASD and Learning Difficulties. Can be used for varying ages – depending on individual needs.



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Overview

Lesson ideas for the topic of the weather. Including activities for: drama, music, dance and sensory. Exploring different types of weather in a practical way with a focus on turn taking and communication/interaction.

Lesson Ideas

Warm up/icebreakers

- Sing a welcome song, hello song, a song to signify to the children that this lesson has begun, whether it be drama, music, dance, sensory or a combination.

Task ideas/starting points

- This lesson comprises a singing, dance and drama activity.
- Have the children in a circle either on the floor or chairs.
- You will need a speaker and access to YouTube for this session.
- You will also need a piece of fabric for the cool down.
- You will need items to build a snowman - hat, scarf, arms, gloves, nose, eyes, mouth, head, body

Task developments

- Singing: The song for the session is *Little Snowflake*. Teach it using my turn/your turn method. Actions you can do include pointing in different places when you sing “*Snowflake, snowflake, little snowflake.*” Moving your hands from high to low on “*Falling, falling, falling etc.*” And then point at the different body parts mentioned in the song.
- Drama: With a musical accompaniment of a song of your choice, get the children to come to the middle of a circle one at a time to help build the snowman on the floor.

- Dance: Using the song “*Dance of the Snowmen*”. Make a circle around the snowman you have created as a group. Move in and out in the circle, move around in a circle, wave at the snowman, one at a time go into middle and do a movement with the snowman.

Differentiation for lower/higher ability

- Alternative sensory activity: Mouldable soap is a fun sensory activity to explore snow with. You can create snowmen and snowballs with mouldable soap, and it engages all the children at once.

Cool down ideas

- Using a piece of fabric, lift it high above the individual’s head and then wash it over them. This is best accompanied with music and when doing this activity in groups put a calming visual on for them to have something to focus on whilst they wait for their turn.

Outcome

The children will have explored the theme of weather in a practical way and used multiple disciplines and skills to do so. If it is part of a wider curriculum theme, sessions like this can be used to generalise their knowledge.

Resources and useful links

Resource 1: Little Snowflake song:

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

Resource 2: Dance of the Snowmen song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufPnE9kbtE0>

Resource 3: Mouldable soap: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Peppa-Pig-K10019-Foam-](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Peppa-Pig-K10019-Foam-Soap/dp/B0098ICRH4/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3QH7RMT5B7ZSY&dchild=1&keywords=mouldable+soap+for+kids&qid=1585827981&srefix=mouldable+soap%2Caps%2C161&sr=8-1)

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Resource 4: Chill out playlist on Spotify

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/11HXfRNI5ynyb08n1U23f8?si=qPAn-W1VRJqmwROoAbeCw>

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