

Winter Wonderland

Nursery (Spring)



Construction and small world area

Winter Wonderland

Set up a winter wonderland Tuff Tub using fake snow, cotton wool balls, white fabric and silver foil. Add wooden block houses and small world people for the children to create winter scenes.

Winter worlds

Provide ice cubes and crushed ice, small world animals from cold climates and woolly gloves. Encourage the children to create icy small worlds.



Investigation area

Frozen

Freeze items, including plastic bricks, craft pom poms and small world figures in water inside silicone moulds or a large plastic container. Empty the ice into a Tuff Tub for the children to explore. Add squeeze bottles filled with warm water for the children to 'rescue' the resources.

Snowy scenes

Display pictures of children playing in the snow alongside images of snowy scenes for the children to explore and discuss.



Sand and water area

Icy water

Add ice frozen in different shapes and colours to the water tray. Provide cold climate animals to create an icy small world for the children to explore.



Malleable/Fine Motor area

Snow dough

Make snow dough by mixing plain flour and baby oil at a 8:1 ratio. Add the dough to a Tuff Tub for the children to explore. Sprinkle in white glitter for sparkly snow..

Snow shapes

Line a tray with silver paper or card and cover it with fake snow, white sand or white glitter. Provide mark making tools for the children to create patterns in the 'snow'.

Winter patterns

Provide white and silver ribbons or laces and a variety of blue, white and silver beads for the children to thread and create patterns.



Mathematics area

Counting collection

Make a winter-themed counting collection for the children to explore. Include glass beads, snowflake sequins and silver, white and blue craft pom poms. Add mathematical resources and numerals to support counting and sorting.

Sorting snowflakes

Provide a variety of white, blue and silver sequins and snowflake sequins, easy-grip tweezers and pots for collecting and sorting.



Outdoor area

Fun in the snow!

If it snows, go on a snowy walk, build snowmen, make snowballs and have fun in the snow!

Note: Provide hot drinks to warm the children up when they return inside.



Reading/Writing area

Winter reading den

Create a winter-themed reading den for the children to use. Resource the reading den with winter-themed books and provide audiobooks or record yourself telling stories for the children to listen to.

Note: A reading den can be made quite simply with white, blue and silver fabric. Hang snowflake and icicle decorations for extra effect.

Icy writing

Create an icy mark making den using white and silver fabric and icicle and snowflake decorations. Resource the area with glittery pens and different shaped blue, silver and white paper for mark making.



Creative area

Icy art

Cover cardboard tubes in bubble wrap and display a variety of printing tools and rollers. Put silver, blue and white ready-mixed paint in trays for the children to create large communal icy paintings.

Icy music

Play winter-themed music and music from Disney's *Frozen* films. Provide floaty materials or fabric streamers for the children to twirl and wave as they move to the music.



Role play/Communication area

Winter role play

Provide a variety of hats, gloves, scarves and coats for the children to try on. Display a full-length mirror in which the children can see themselves wearing the different outfits.

