

Snow Day – 9th January 2026



Snow Day Activities for Reception

We'd love to see how your child enjoys today's Snow Day learning activities! Please share their completed work and any challenges they try by uploading photographs or short videos to Class Dojo. This helps us celebrate their efforts and keep connected while learning from home. Thank you for supporting their learning—have fun and stay warm!

1. Phonics Review

Sounds to practise: j, v, w, x

Activity:

- Go on a **Snowy Sound Hunt**: Write the letters **j, v, w, x** on pieces of paper and hide them around the house. When your child finds one, say the sound together and think of a word that starts with that sound. Use the ELS mnemonic sheets we sent home on Monday to practise the correct formation.
- **Challenge**: Can you write the letters in the snow using a stick or your finger?
- **Harder to Read and Spell Words**: she, he, buses

- Activity: Make **snowy word cards** and play a quick game of **Snap** or **Pairs** with these words. Can you put each word in a sentence and tell your grown-up?
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2. Maths – Composition of 5 (ways of making 5)

Activity:

- Build **snowballs** and use them to explore ways to make 5.
Example: “If we have 2 snowballs here and 3 snowballs there, how many do we have altogether?”
 - Try different combinations: $4 + 1$, $3 + 2$, etc.
 - **Challenge:** Draw the combinations in the snow or on paper.
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3. Winter Wonderland Project – our companion project for this half term so the weather is perfect!

Explore the snow:

- Go outside and notice footprints, snowflakes, and textures.
 - **Make a snowman:**
Talk about **tall and short** – can you make two snowmen of different heights?
Add **buttons in a pattern**: e.g., **red, blue, red, blue**. If you don’t have buttons, use stones or leaves.
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4. Warm Snack & Story

- After playing outside, come in for a **warm snack** (hot chocolate, toast, or soup).
- Read a winter story together or use the link below to watch Percy the park Keeper. Can you create a warm scarf or den for your mouse to keep warm on this cold day?

- *One Snowy Night* by Nick Butterworth.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVroMLDQR8s>

5. Handwriting

We sent home your first handwriting sheet yesterday.

Please practise writing the curly letters and words using your very best handwriting. Try to use a pencil and make sure the letters sit on the line.

Remember to bring the sheet back to school on Monday to earn your Dojo credit!

6. Reading book

You all had a new reading book yesterday. Snuggle up and try your very best to segment and blend the words to your grown-ups.

Have a fantastic day and we will hopefully see you all on Monday.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Richardson