



Daily tips for Playful Learning at Home



Snowman fun

When snow arrives the one thing we all want to do is build a snowman.

However, living in Scotland, it is rare to have enough snow to build a full-size snowman. No problem - why not make a mini snowman, snow woman, snow dog The list is endless!

Just get out there and see what you can make and what you can find for decorating.

What do I need?

- Go outside and find some snow and maybe see how well it moulds into shape. Not all snow is the correct snow for snow modelling
- Remember to avoid any snow that might have been visited by our animal friends.
- Wearing gloves might be a good idea as snow is cold and wet and small

What will your child learn from this play?

- Estimation and prediction about how much snow and is it enough?
- About different snow types – dry snow, wet snow, ice
- Large physical activities build muscles and helps with coordination
- Using mathematical language in conversations – circle, sphere, length, height

What do we do?

First of all, go outside and look at the lovely snow. The chat about how much snow has fallen and if it would be possible to make a big snowman and or just a little snowman:

- Chat about how much snow has fallen – is there lots or just a little?
- Ask is there would be enough snow for a Big snowman or a little snowman
- Where is the best place to build it and where is the best, cleanest snow?
- What will we need for a face and what can we use?

Try to let your child do most of the building and only help if needed.

Talk about shapes, length, height, and how the snow feels

Look for items for decoration and talk about what would happen when the snowman melts so try and avoid plastic as it might be eaten by the birds and animals

How can you take it further?

Measure the height of your snowman when it is finished. Is it the same height as a stick or my little brother or my spade?

Count the object you collect for eyes, buttons etc.

Read or listen together to **Harry and the Snow King**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IdZuFmXCAqI>