



Daily tips for Playful Learning at Home

Fun in the snow



Children love the snow and we are having a long cold spell here in the Highlands so why not go out and have fun in the snow.

What do I need?

- To wrap up in suitable warm clothes.
- If you have one take a sledge or a black bin bag (to sit on).
- Or take a bucket and spade or other containers of different sizes.

What will your child learn from this play?

- Physical skills
- An understanding of speed and some vocabulary related to that – fast, slow, faster, fastest.
- An understanding of size and some vocabulary related to that – big, small, medium, smallest, biggest.
- Develop creative ideas

What do we do?

- Find a slope, check there are no big stones or other items sticking out with your child and if not have a go at sliding down.
- If that was fun do it again or go a bit higher – I wonder if you will go faster?
- Make a snow castle with your containers
- Hunt for natural materials to decorate them, like twigs, lichen, stones, leaves.
- Maybe you could make more than one and use different containers to make different sizes.

If your child just wants to dig and explore in the snow that is fine follow their lead.

What happens if the snow is too powdery to make a castle? I wonder why? Can you get different kinds of snow?

- Maybe you could find out
- Or explore the difference between snow and icy patches

How can you take it further?

Maybe if the snow lasts for a couple of days go out the next day for more sledging or see if your snow castles are still there? What has happened to them? Maybe, take some different containers and make some more – make a village!