



Knowledge Organiser	Subject: Understanding the World	Topic: Winter	Year: Nursery
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What should I know?

Different types of weather.

Autumn is a season.

Leaves change colour in autumn

Key Questions

What clothes do we need to wear in winter?

What is the weather like in winter?

What season comes before winter?

Key Texts



Songs and Rhymes

It's winter time, put your coat on, marching in the snow, snowdrop,
mister wind, jack frost

Key Knowledge and Skills

Winter is a season which begins in December and ends in March

I know that autumn comes before winter.

I know some things that happen in winter.

I know what the weather is like in winter.

I know what clothes we need in winter.

The names of different animals and why animals need to hibernate or adapt to survive in the winter.

I know where some animals live.

Important Events and Concepts

Introduction to Winter: Discussing what winter is and how it differs from other seasons.

Snow and Ice Exploration: Exploring snowflakes, ice, and their characteristics.

Winter Animals: Learning about animals that live in cold regions and how they survive.

Winter Clothing: Understanding the importance of dressing warmly in winter.

Winter Activities: Exploring winter activities like building snowmen or ice skating. Seasonal Changes: Observing how nature changes in winter, such as trees losing their leaves.

Interesting Facts

Snowflakes have six sides and can form various shapes and patterns.

Some animals hibernate during winter to conserve energy and survive the cold.

In polar regions, winter can last for several months with continuous darkness.

In Reception children will:

I will know the 4 seasons

I can talk in details about the changes throughout winter.

The names of different animals that live in cold/hot countries.

I know how animals survive where they live. I know the changes of the natural world.

I can compare what life is like in a different country.

Key Vocabulary	
Winter	The coldest season of the year, characterized by low temperatures.
Snow	Soft, white flakes that fall from the sky when it's cold.
Cold	A low temperature that feels chilly.
Hibernation	A state of inactivity and metabolic depression in animals to survive the winter.
Warm Clothes	Clothing items like coats, gloves, hats, and scarves worn to stay comfortable in cold weather (gloves, hat and scarf)
Winter animals	Animals that adapt to cold environments, such as polar bears, penguins, and reindeer.



Linking Thinking Across Our Learning Journey						
Early Years	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Nursery: To respond to natural phenomena. Reception: To talk about differences.	Observe changes across the four seasons.	The four seasons	Investigating coasts	Living in environments	Investigating rivers	Water world