

Parent Guide



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What is this resource and how do I use it?

This simple craft activity is easy to create using a bit of time and some water. Ice play is a great sensory activity that will engage your children and help them learn about scientific changes including freezing and melting.

What skills does this practise?

Fine Motor Skills

Creativity

Seasons - Winter

Further Activity Ideas and Suggestions

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Ice Cube Igloo:

You will need:

- two ice cube trays
- round tin
- freezer
- bowl of water
- small world animals, e.g. polar bear, penguin, arctic fox, etc. (optional)
- cornflour (optional)

Set-up:

In advance of this activity, you will need to freeze two trays of ice cubes and a round tin to form the base of your igloo. You will need to do this a day before the activity to make sure that the ice is frozen completely.

Instructions:



1 Take the block of ice out of the round tin. This will form the base of the igloo.



2 Dip each ice cube in the bowl of cold water before stacking them on top of each other to build your igloo. The water between the ice cubes will freeze, helping them to stick together.



3 Between each layer, put your igloo back into the freezer for a short time to refreeze and prevent it from melting.



Take your igloo out of the freezer and repeat with the next layer until your igloo is complete. Remember to leave a gap at the front of your igloo for the door.



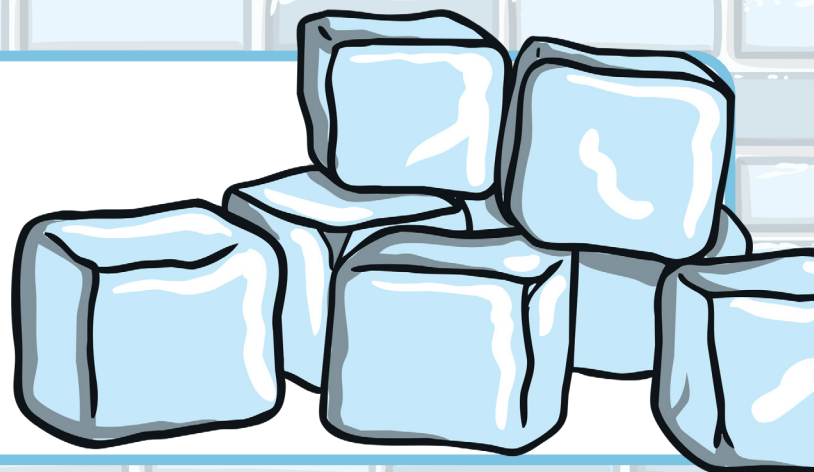
You could make your own small world activity by adding arctic small world animals that you have around the house, such as a polar bear, penguin or arctic fox.



Have fun exploring the sensory elements as the ice begins to melt!

Alternatives:

If you want to, you can add some cornflour to the ice to look like fake snow. This will make the ice cubes feel soft and fluffy like snow and will also not be as cold on your hands!



Some ingredients and/or materials used might cause allergic reactions or health problems. You should ensure that you are fully aware of the allergies and health conditions of those taking part. If you have any concerns about your own or somebody else's health or wellbeing, always speak to a qualified health professional. Activities listed within the resource should always be supervised by an appropriate adult. Children should be supervised when using sharp items such as scissors or other tools. Please make sure you are aware that children may put craft items into their mouths, and that they should wash their hands afterwards. By using this resource, you acknowledge that it is the responsibility of supervising adults to ensure the safety of children in their care and that we will accept no liability as a result of the activity.