

Creative Home Learning Ideas



Splendid Skies



Below are some creative home learning ideas based around our next topic. Please read the ideas to your child and let them choose which activities they would like to complete at home with you or on their own. Try to complete at least 2 activities by the end of the half-term. We would love to see your amazing home learning so make sure you send us photos on dojo or bring it in to school so that it can be shared with your class.

- Weather forecasts use symbols on maps to tell people what the weather will be like where they live. Design weather symbols for the different types of weather listed: cloud, fog, hail, rain, snow, sun, cloud and sun, sun and rain, thunder and lightning, wind. (Top Tip: To be extra creative have a go at making these symbols using junk modelling or with icing on cakes etc.)
- Learn about the current season by going for a walk in your locality. Talk about the weather and spot and photograph seasonal features, such as icicles, buds, summer flowers, or nuts and seeds. Afterwards, draw a map of your walk, including pictures to show what you saw and where you saw it. Write a few sentences to recount your walk.
- Look at an information book or age-appropriate videos and websites online with an adult to learn more about the weather and seasons. Write one or more fascinating facts to show something that you have learned after reading and listening. Draw a picture to match your fascinating facts.
- Fold a piece of paper into four quarters – one quarter for each of the seasons. Use what you know about the seasons to draw a picture in each section. Include the weather and what the trees and other plants look like. You might also like to include animals in your pictures. Give each section a title and write a short description.
- Think about the equipment, footwear and clothing that people need during the different seasons. Record your results in lists or as a table.
- Create a weather station in your outside space. Include a rain gauge, outdoor thermometer and windsock or wind vane. Instructions for making simple weather station equipment can be found online. Use your weather station and other observations to record the weather each day. Show your results to a family member and answer their questions about the wettest, driest, coldest, hottest and windiest days.
- Create a piece of artwork or craft on the theme of weather or the seasons. Ideas include a painting or collage, or you might like to make a kite or wind chimes. Instructions are available online.
- Print off a blank world map and complete the tasks listed. Use an atlas, information book and the internet to help.
 - Draw the equator.
 - Label the world's seven continents.
 - Label the world's five oceans.
 - Label the Northern Hemisphere.
 - Label the Southern Hemisphere.
 - Colour in and label some hot countries.
 - Colour in and label some cold countries.
- Write a speech explaining what you have learned about weather, the seasons and hot and cold places of the world. (Top Tip: You could record your speech like a weather presenter or meteorologist and share the video with your class.)
- Have a go at a science experiment all about the weather. There are plenty of investigations to choose from online. (We'll send photos of any spectacular ones to Mrs Carling to share on the school Science wall.)

Have fun and send a Class Dojo to any of the Year 1 Team if you have any queries regarding home learning activities.

Please ensure that all home learning you would like to share is brought into school by **Friday 10th December 2021** so that we have plenty of time to show off your masterpieces.

Thank you for your continued support, it makes such a difference to your child to work together as a 3-way partnership – Parent, Child and Teacher.