

I SPY in Winter

How do you know that it is Winter? See how many signs of winter you can find.

Can you see these things?

1. A hungry animal
2. An empty bird's nest high in a tree
3. A rotten red fruit
4. A tree with no leaves
5. Fat winter buds
6. Footprints in mud or snow (Who made them?)
7. An icy puddle
8. Some frosty moss
9. A fern in fallen leaves
10. An evergreen tree that is so big that you can't put your arms around it
11. A cone as small as your thumb nail (and one bigger)
12. A plant with flowers that smell (Do you like the smell?)
13. A plant with spiny leaves
14. Snowdrops
15. Cold fingers



When puddles and our dipping ponds (in the Education Garden) freeze, little things may be stuck in the ice. What can you find?

(But please do not throw things in the ponds.)

While in the woods make a house of sticks!

Although you will need to take extra care on slippery surfaces, visit our woods and build a shelter of old, dead sticks – big or small!

Remember that when carrying a stick that is longer than your arm, drag it like a tail – or better – ask for help and put a friend on the end!

You can make your own ice sculptures.

1. Put an old flower, leaf or small cone in a clean plastic tray.
2. Fill the tray about ½ full.
3. Put a loop of string over the side of the tray making sure that some of the loop is in the water.
4. Freeze the tray outside, if it is cold enough, or in your freezer.
5. In the morning, remove your frozen sculpture from the tray and hang it by the string in a tree. What happens when the sun shines?

