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# Factsheet



## Create a Wintery Scene

Wales

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# Creu golygfa gaeafol

## Introduction – Cyflwyniad

Create a wintery scene – **creu golygfa gaeafol** by making snow cloud dough / **Toes cwmwl eira.**

This fun activity not only gives the opportunity for children to learn new Welsh words / **geiriau Cymraeg**, it allows them to be messy! Something most children enjoy.

With snow cloud dough, the children can create a wintery scene in their own individual trays by adding objects such as cars and trucks to drive through the snow and build snowmen\*. You can question, what happens in winter? Discuss the changes in temperature and the clothes we wear to keep warm and cosy.

Not only is sensory play something that can be enjoyed by children of all ages, it is an essential component to their learning and development by supporting experiential learning about the world around us.

\*(We know that children learn best when they can associate their learning with real life contexts, however, not all children may have experienced snow or seen a snowman. Consider using stories and books that feature snow and snowmen, watch videos online of snowy scenes and snowmen or if you are very lucky and you have a snowy day, be sure to take the children outside (appropriately dressed) to experience it first-hand.)

## Learning outcomes

New Welsh words

Physical development

Fine motor skills

Hand eye co-ordination

Understanding the world

Communication and language

## Canlyniadau dysgu

Geiriau newydd Cymraeg

Datblygiad corfforol

Sgiliau echddygol manwl

Cydsymud llygaid a dwylo

Dealltwriaeth or byd

Cyfathrebu a iaith

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## Resources

4 cups of plain flour / cornflour

Mixing bowls and wooden spoons

1 cup of oil

Glitter (optional)

Individual trays

Aprons

## Adnoddau

4 cwpan o flawd plaen/blawd corn

Powleni cymysgu a llwyau pren

1 cwpan o olew

Pelydriad (dewis)

Hambwrdd unigol

Ffedogau

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## Activity outline - Amlinell gweithgaredd

Get the aprons ready and let us have fun making a wintery scene with snow cloud dough!

1. Measure / **Mesur** four cups of plain flour / **blawd plaen** or cornflour / **blawd corn** and add one cup of oil / **olew** into the mixing bowl
2. Encourage the children to help with the mixing / **cymysgu** - if you have a large group, consider giving the children their own individual bowls and spoons, with the ingredients ready to mix, along with their own individual trays to put the mixture onto
3. Mix the ingredients until you have a crumbly texture, pour onto the individual trays to make a blanket of snow
4. To make a snowman, demonstrate to the children how to knead and shape a ball for the body and a smaller ball for the head
5. You can collect little twigs from outdoor play for the arms of the snowman and maybe a black felt tip pen to draw a nose.

Whilst the children are creating their wintery scene, encourage them to share their thoughts about winter and about what they are doing. Ask questions like, how does the snow cloud dough feel? / **Sut mae'r toes cwmwl eira yn teimlo?** Use descriptive words from the word bank and useful phrases below to help you introduce new Welsh words.

Ask questions about:

- What happens in winter / **Y Gaeaf**
- How the leaves fall off the trees
- Why animals hibernate / **gaeafgyssgu**
- Why we wear warm cosy clothes to keep us warm
- Can you think of the clothes we wear in winter?

## Word bank and useful phrases

Snow cloud dough

Snow

Snowman

Winter

Cold

Freezing

Melting

Plain flour

Corn flour

Oil

How does it feel?

Does it feel soft

Is it cold?

Can you tell me?

What clothes do we wear in winter?

Scarf

Hat

Gloves

Hibernate

Leaves

## Geirfa ac Ymadroddion defnyddiol

Toes cwmwl eira

Eira

Dyn Eira

Gaeaf

Oer

Rhewi

Toddi

Blawd Plaen

Blawd corn

Olew

Sut mae'n teimlo?

Ydio'n teimlo'n feddal?

Ydio'n oer?

Fedri di (asking one child) fedrwch chi  
(plural) ddeud wrthaf i?

Pa ddillad da ni'n wysgo yn y gaeaf?

Sgarf

Het

Menyg

Gaeafgwsg

Dail

## Further support

[Fun for All Seasons](#) – publication

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[myNDNA tips](#)

Book Trust Cymru – [Listen to Funny Bunnies Rain or Shine in Welsh](#).

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