

Books, stories and webpages linked to the topic:

The books listed below are merely the tip of the iceberg when it comes to stories about the weather. Begin with a small selection, and gradually build up your collection. Use them to enhance children's enjoyment of being outside in all weathers. Make time to talk about the stories and how they relate to the children's own experiences.

Daft Bat by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross (Andersen Press) - A truly original story about umbrellas ... and bats!

Bringing The Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema (Picture Puffin) - Seeing the positive side of rain, a tale told in 'House that Jack Built' style about drought in Africa.

Noah's Ark by Lucy Cousins (Walker Books) - An attractive version of the classic 'rainy day' story, written by the creator of Maisie, the much loved mouse.

Balloon! by Jez Alborough (Picture Lions) - The consequences of blustery weather are felt by this little boy and his balloon.

Rosie's Hat by Julia Donaldson and Anna Currey (Macmillan Children's Books) - Written by the author of The Gruffalo, and told in a lyrical style, this tells the story of Rosie and her wonderfully flexible headgear.

Someone Bigger by Jonathan Emmett - A little boy needs all kinds of help, when he flies his kite.

After the Storm by Nick Butterworth (Picture Lions) - Percy the Park Keeper and his animal friends cope with the aftermath of some very windy weather.

The Gruffalo's Child by Julia Donaldson - A charming wintry tale from the forest of the Gruffalo.

Winnie in Winter by Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul (Oxford University Press) - Everybody's favourite witch tries to alter the passing of the seasons, only to discover that winter does have its positive side, after all.

Snow is my favourite and my best by Lauren Child (Picture Puffin) - The popular brother and sister combo of Charlie and Lola explore snow and all its possibilities.

Book suggestions taken from
www.nurseryworld.co.uk

Ideas for home learning:

Listen to BBC Teach School Radio

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/z4qsxyc>



Next time it rains go outside and go puddle jumping.

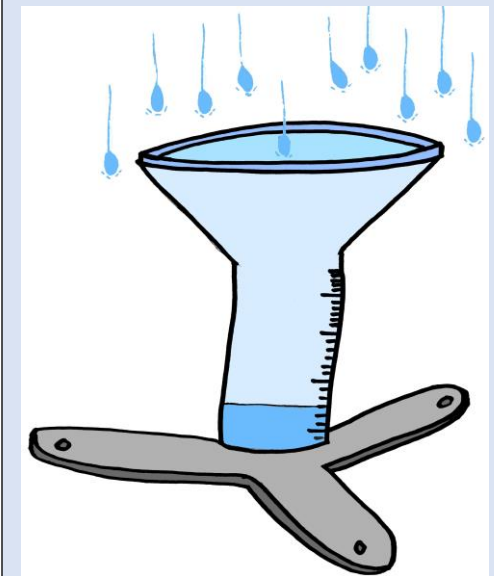


Do you know all the colours of a rainbow? Try and draw your own rainbow using all the colours.

Go for a walk in your local woods/ forest. What can you see in the forest?



Can you make a rain gauge to find out how much rain has fallen in your garden?



Knowledge Organiser-Year R and 1-Term 1

Topic title: What's in the Foggy, Foggy Forest?

Topic Themes: Science, Art and Design, Music, Geography, Design and Technology

Our objectives for the topic:

- I can record weather patterns
- I can look closely at similarities, differences, pattern and change
- I can ask questions about why things happen
- I can describe different types of weather
- I will explore celebrations throughout the different seasons
- I can make a timeline of the year to show my own experiences of the seasons
- I can draw a silhouette picture
- I can make a book in the style of A Foggy, Foggy Forest
- I can enjoy songs and rhymes linked to the seasons and living things

Essential Knowledge:

- Being able to talk about the weather
- Being able to talk about the different seasons
- Being able to talk about the appropriate clothing for each season and why clothing is different
- There are 4 seasons in a year
- There are seven days in a week
- A day is split into morning, afternoon and evening
- To know that information can be obtained from books

Key Vocabulary and definitions:

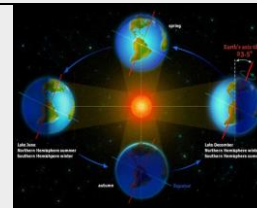
season

Seasons are the four different times of the year when the weather pattern changes in a pattern. The seasons are called Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Each season has its own kind of weather.



year

A year is the time it takes for the Earth to go all around the sun once.



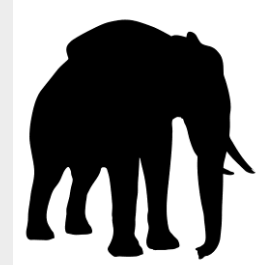
celebration

A celebration is a special time when people come together to have fun, be happy and enjoy something important. It could be a birthday.



silhouette

A silhouette is the dark outline or shape of a person, animal or object that you can see when there is light behind it.



Different types of weather

