

### Communication & Language

- Use increasingly complex vocabulary.
- Speak using several complex sentences to express thoughts.
- Converse in pairs and small groups.
- Describe what is happening in a picture.
- Discuss.
- Express an opinion.
- Speak in complete sentences.
- Respond to a question in a complete sentence.
- Pay attention while another is speaking.
- Produce rhyming words.
- Make inferences and draw conclusions from stories.
- Report observations.

### Physical Development

- Co-ordinate eye/hand movements.
- Throw, kick or roll an object in the intended direction.
- Catch a ball.
- Manipulate a small object with precision.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Express feelings appropriately with words.
- Demonstrate curiosity.
- Approach activities with increasing flexibility and imagination.
- Converse with adults.
- Speak within a group.
- Co-operate with others on completing a task.
- Participate appropriately in co-operative activities.

### Vocabulary

cloud  
deciduous  
dozen  
evaporate  
evergreen  
freeze  
hibernate  
ice  
lightning  
liquid  
melt  
meteorologist  
sledge  
snow  
snowflake  
temperature  
thermometer  
weather  
wind  
winter

## Winter Weatherland - Learning Focus

### Thematic Concepts

- The weather affects our world and us.
- Weather is different around the world on the same day.
- The sun determines the weather.
- Wind is moving air.
- Sometimes the weather is rainy. Rain is part of the water cycle.

- It is winter. Snow is one of the signs of winter in some places.
- Low temperature and plant changes are other signs of winter.
- Animals change their behaviour in the winter.
- People change their behaviour in the winter.
- Water changes its state depending on its temperature.

### Literacy

- Segment phonemes in a word.
- Identify letter sounds, and identify initial, final and medial sounds in words.
- Demonstrate an increasing awareness of the function of writing.
- Demonstrate increasing facility with the process of writing.
- Retell stories.
- Identify book conventions.
- Discriminate visually between individual words and sentences in print.

### Mathematics

- Group and count by 1's to 12.
- Identify the numbers 1 to 12.
- Create and name a set of 1-12.
- Write the numerals 1-12.
- Count by 10's.
- Estimate quantity.
- Collect and record data on a graph over time.
- Read and interpret data on a graph.
- Draw conclusions based on graphs and charts.

### Understanding the World

- Observe using all senses.
- Predict outcomes.
- Conduct organised experiments.
- Record observed data.
- Draw conclusions.
- Build basic understanding of changes in earth and sky.
- Demonstrate awareness beyond the community.
- Recognise human similarities and differences.
- Acquire concepts about various methods of communication.
- Observe and make discoveries.

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Pretend with objects.
- Experiment with a variety of art materials.
- Take on dramatic roles.
- Participate in singing and chanting activities.
- Explore creative ways of moving to music.
- Respond to music with increasingly complex movements.

**NOTE:** Communication and Language development is a major focus in Kinder Corner. This is best achieved through consistent teacher modelling, use of talk partners and co-operative learning strategies and encouraging children to work together.