



Winter at
Bathgate Early Years Centre
Our Learning Story
November 2015 - February 2016.

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Hanukkah—Mrs Davidov, Rotem and Amit's mum.

Hanukkah is a holiday before Christmas back home in Israel. It lasts for 8 days. It is a fun celebration.

Celebrating light. A festival of light.

When the first star shines in the sky we light a special candle.

Menorah there are 8 candles on the Menorah. The longest candle in the middle lights the other candles. Don't blow the candles out! Put the Menorah at the window so everyone can see. Showing your appreciation to God. Saying thank you to God for giving us light to help us see on a long walk a very long time ago. We ask for a special blessing and when the candles go out the blessing comes true. Like making a wish. During Hanukkah we eat yummy foods. Foods cooked in oil. Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of oil. Jam donuts with sugar. We eat these every day for 8 days! We cook the donuts in oil. Chocolate money, coins too. We call that *Gelt*.

Dreidel these are letters but from the Hebrew language. They mean 'Big' 'Miracle' 'Was' 'There'. If we were playing at home in Israel it would say 'Here' not 'There'. You choose a letter and if the Dreidel falls on the letter you choose you win a prize.



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Adult Voice.

"This is a Euphonium. It is an instrument from the brass family. Can you guess what sort of sound it can make? Will it be loud or quiet? Does it look heavy or light Did you see the brass band at the Galaday? Please come and join me, choose an instrument to play and then join my band.



Community Links

- Boghall Primary Nativity
- Balbardie Primary Nativity
- St Mary's Primary Nativity
- Visiting Acerdale
- Boghall Primary Visitors
- Magic Mac
- Miss Heenan - Newland Concert Brass Band.



Children's Voice.

Miss Hennan playing the Euphonium.
 Sophie B. "You need to blow. It's like a trumpet."
 Gillan "the horn. It's funny. It goes very loud. I like Jingle Bells. Cammy was watching bands on the TV."
 Megan C "It's gold. I like playing it loud. I know that, it's Sleepy Shepherd."
 Corey "It's metal."
 Cody-Leigh "It's a big trumpet."
 Mya H "Quiet and loud. It's yellow."
 Aiden R "Big. You use your fingers and blow. I had the bells."



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Children's Voice.

(See Red group Floor Book—Talking Tub and Video clips)

Aidan "The angels have a halo. They lead the way to Bethlehem to baby Jesus." Zackery "I have Joseph. Baby Jesus dad." Max "The kings went on a the bumpy road." Libby "The baby Jesus...born in a stable." Ivy- May "Gold. A present for someone." Taylor "The Three Kings go see baby Jesus." Sophie B "Mary holds baby Jesus... she had him in her tummy...She is a mummy" Lola-Ray "The gold is like treasure." Mya "The angel can fly and sing." Jamie "He is a King, he rides on a camel." Owen "Baby Jesus is a wee baby who got presents."



Adult's Voice.

Christmas is a celebration to help us remember the day that Baby Jesus was born. Christmas is the Baby Jesus' Birthday. We give and receive presents to remind us of the gifts the Three Kings brought the Baby Jesus.



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Children's Voice.

Revisiting the Nativity Story The Sleepy Shepherd and who came to the stable. 7/1/16.

Ethan M "Sheep." Alyssa "Baby Jesus." Corey "A Star". Ethan K "Santa Hats." Haris "A Lion". Ellie "The Kings."



Children's Voice.

Ice on the playground.

Ivy-May "It's white" Megan "Like white powder. It's cold, wet and squishy. You get snowflakes." Alyssa "It comes from the sky." Jack "I fell down on the ice because it is slippy." Zazkary "Jack don't know how to be careful Go slow!" Ellie "We're ice skating on the ice."



Children's / Adult Voice.

Why is the puddle slippy?

Gillan "Because it's very cold."

How is ice made?

Ellie "Because the snow." Gillan "Jack Frost."

What made Jack Frost so cold?

Ruby "From winter."

What is coming out our mouths?

Gillan "Smoke". Zackary "It's our breath".

What can we use ice for?

Zackary "Ice in Cola at McDonalds."

Sophie B "Ice lollies."

What is the white stuff on the grass?

Zackary "It's frost."

Why is the grass and leaves crunchy?

Gillan "Grass is hard with the ice."

What does the ice feel like?

Zackary "Ice is smooth and feezy." Ruby "Ice is freezing."

Sophie B "Cold and slippy."



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Ice/snow/frost on the playground, making and melting ice experiments (video clips in Staff Shared).

Children's Voice.

Zackary "Jack Frost came. The balloon is all ice now. It turns to ice because Jack Frost makes everything cold... Look at the sand (bags) has got stuck together. (ice used to be) Water"

Cody Leigh "Jack Frost nips your fingers and toes. He makes everything so so cold."

AJ, Cody Leigh, Zackary "(hot water) melts ice."

Cody Leigh "(cold water) It just stays there and does nothing."

AJ "I'm melting the ice. Salt melts ice."

Ellie "Hot water melts ice too. The paint has all melted into the ice."

Ivy May "Look the snow stops right here."

Zackary "Yeah, the sun has been shining here but not here (points), the sun will melt the snow."



Children's Voice.

Catherine "(hot water) melted (the ice)." "(Cold water on the ice) stayed cold".

Nathan "The ice is melting because of the salt.... The foam is falling off the ice. It looks like a snow man."

David "Jack frost made and hid (the ice) under the tunnel!"



Children's Voice.

Gillan "(The weather) is very cold."

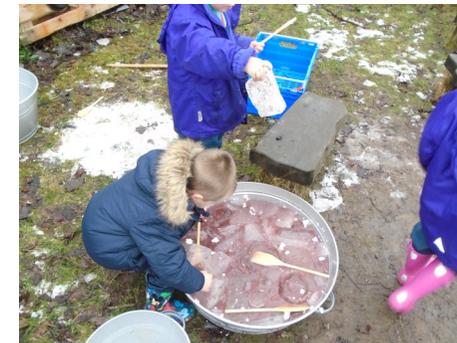
Zackary "It's frost on the grass."

Gillan, Ruby, Zackary standing on the ice "(Ice makes) you slide."

Ruby "(The weather) melts ice when warm." (Next step)

Gillan "(if the balloon is heavy) it is frozen."

Zackary "It is hard ice. (If you drop ice) it smashes."



Adult Voice.

"When the temperature gets very cold, liquids freeze. Things that are wet turn to ice. They turn solid. Solid means hard. All the water sticks together when it's very cold, frozen together. The salt cracks the ice. Can you hear the noise it is making? Look you can see bubbles in the ice."



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Adult's Voice.

Some animals go into deep sleep during winter.. Sometimes they sleep for months and months! This very long sleep is called Hibernation! Hibernation is the way that some animals survive through the winter. They find a safe place and fall into a very deep sleep. When the temperature is warmer, in the spring, they wake up again. Whilst animals are hibernating, their body temperature drops and their breathing slows down. (Information sourced from Hibernation PowerPoint <http://www.twinkl.co.uk/>)



Children's Voice.

What does hibernation mean?

- Mya "Bears do it."
- Aidan D "It's when it's cold."
- Rogan "Its freezing cold."
- Megan "You sleep for a very long time."
- Abbie "Bears."
- Ana "When animals hide."
- Zac "You have a good sleep."
- Ruby-Rose "It's when you sleep in the winter, all day."
- Olivia "My tortoise Smudge hibernates."
- Megan "My mummy says squirrels hibernate.... Animals sleep in the soil."
- Zackary "Frogs hibernate in water."



Children's Voice.

- Levi "Hibernation means animals sleep for the winter."
- Keris Anne "(Hibernation) it's when it gets dark."
- Sophie B "They hibernate till it's morning."
- Red PM "(Winter is) cold."
- Lola Ray "Bats hibernate in the trees."
- Ava "Bats hibernate in caves."
- Erin "Dormice go into purple balls, cause they want to sleep."
- Owen G "A snake, they go round a tree, hibernate in a tree..... They curl in a ball to look like a rock."
- Erin "(Animals make a bed) with leaves and sticks."
- Owen G "(some) dig underground, how can they dig underground if it's dirty and dark?"



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Adult's Voice.

Some animals hibernate for the winter because the weather is cold and it is hard for them to find food. Before animals go into hibernation, many get ready by eating extra food. They store this as fat in their bodies, which helps to keep them alive during the winter.

Animals usually find a safe, quiet and warm place to hibernate. Some animals go underground and some make their hibernation sites comfortable by lining them with grass and leaves.

(Information sourced from Hibernation Powerpoint
<http://www.twinkl.co.uk/>)



Children's voice.

Alicia "(Ladybirds) hibernate in the leaves."

Ethan K (Hedgehogs) hibernate in a deep hole."

Ethan Mc "The pond is frozen.

Aidan G "Bumble bees hibernate in a flower."

Zackary "So they can get energy."

Lola Ray "I have lots of energy from sleeping."

Zackary "(My energy lets me) play, run and have fun."

Ava Wynne "A butterfly is a summer animal."

Levi "A hedgehog might hibernate in a hole in a tree."

Lola Ray "Polar bears sleep in the snow."

Ava Wynne "Animals don't get hungry because they eat lots before they go to sleep."



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