

Story Time

We are learning about Winter for our seasons topic work. Our story this week is 'Snowballs' by Lois Ehlert.



Snowballs by Lois Ehlert is a wonderfully colourful book for young children about the joy of a snowy day. The book is unique because you turn it sideways to see the large detailed pictures of the snow-family that the children create. It will be necessary to pause with each page so that children can discover the variety of objects used to make each unique snow person.

What kind of a day is it when snow is falling everywhere?

Please share the story with your child, talking about the pictures and asking questions about what they can see. Share the story at least three times during the week as children learn best through repetition. Children will learn new vocabulary each time they hear the story. Children will learn to anticipate what happens next and they will be able to repeat words and phrases from the story.

Some questions you may ask are: What happens at the beginning of the story? What happens after that? What happens at the end of the story?

- Did you like the story? Why? Why not?
- Which snowman picture is your favourite? Why? What do you like about it?
- Is there a picture you don't like? Why don't you like it?
- What happens to the snowman in the story? Why is the snowman shrinking?

Can you draw a snowman picture? Can you decorate the snowman?