**Language Tips – Cold Weather**

With all this cold icy weather children are listening to lots of new describing words.



**Winter Words**

ice

snowflakes

shiny

frost

sparkle

frozen

hailstones

**Colours Texture Clothes Harder descriptive**

**weather words**

black cold hats slippery melting

white warm mitts/gloves shinning icicles

silver icy scarves glistening dripping

cosy coat/anorak

boots/snow book

When outside in the car or walking take time to encourage your child to talk about our winter weather, ask questions and give very simple explanations.

Eg

Why is Mammy driving slowly?

Look at the gritter spreading grit. I wonder why? It’s because…

Look at all those cars parked at the top of that road. It’s because…

Would you run down that icy footpath? Why not?

We need to clear our windscreen. What can we do? We can, use warm water, deicer, put the heater in the car on and wait.

It’s very dark tonight look at that man, he’s wearing a bright yellow coat. I wonder why?

Look the sun is shining and the ice on the windows sill has gone. I wonder what happened? It’s because…

Take some snow/ice and bring it in, let your child see and feel what happens.

Enjoy our winter songs and rhymes.

Winter Songs & Rhymes

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Incy wincy spider climbing up the trees

Down came the snow

And made the spider freeze

Up came the sunshine and melted all the snow

And Incy Wincy spider had another go!

## The Snowman

A chubby little snowman

Had a carrot nose

Along came a bunny

And what do you suppose?

That hungry little bunny

Looking for some lunch

Ate the snowman’s carrot nose

Nibble! Nibble! Crunch!

**5 little snowmen all in a row**

**5 little snowmen made of snow**

**Out came the sun, who shone all day**

**1 little snowman melts a way!**

Now Winter is coming the Dormouse said

‘I must be thinking of going to bed’

So he curled himself up as small as he could

And went fast asleep as a Dormouse should.

Put your coat on, put your coat on and make yourself nice and cosy

Put your coat on, put your coat on and come along out to play.

Put your hat on, put your hat on and make your head nice and cost

Put your hat on, put your hat on and come along out to play.

(scarf – neck boots – feet, gloves – hands)

## Mister Snowman

We’ll have some fun mister snowman said

Now that the children have gone to bed

He stretched his arms and he rubbed his nose

Adjusted his pipe and stood on his toes.

**Penguin**

I look cute in my little dinner suit.

I look nice as I waddle on the ice

I can’t fly and I wouldn’t even try

I’m a penguin…that’s why

……that’s why

……that’s why

Jack Frost, Jack Frost

What did you do last night?

You came dancing down my street, Turning all the **pavements** white.

Jack Frost, Jack Frost

What did you do last night?

You came dancing down my street

Turning all the **windows** white.

Jack Frost, Jack Frost

What did you do last night?

You came dancing down my street

Turning all the **rooftops** white.

Jack Frost, Jack Frost

What did you do last night?

You came dancing down my street

Turning all the **world** to white.

**The North Wind Doth Blow**

The north wind doth blow and we shall have snow,  
And what will poor robin do then, poor thing?  
He'll sit in a barn and keep himself warm  
and hide his head under his wing, poor thing.

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