

# Setting the stage

## Animals and Plants in Winter

Discuss how animals and plants have adapted to the changing of the season.

- What's changed since the last time we were outside?
- Why has it changed?
- How do you feel about these new changes?
- How might our grandmother tree look different? How does she survive in the winter?
- What animals stay around all winter long?

## Books

Here are some of our favourite books about winter:

- **Animals in Winter** by Henrietta Bancroft and Richard Van Gelder
- **When Winter Comes** by Lindsay Barrett George
- **Bear Snores On** by Karma Wilson
- **Over and Under the Snow** by Kate Messner

## Props

Having a basket or box and revealing special learning props that you will be using is a great way to garner interest and excitement.

**Some examples:**

- Photos of snowflake shapes
- A stuffed animal that represents each winter coping strategy
- Thermometer
- Props that you will use for an outdoor game or activity



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