

Year 1 Topic

Splendid Skies



Let's put on our coats, pop up our brollies and investigate the weather.

In this learning project, we'll take a walk outdoors to find out about different types of weather and to look for signs of the seasons. We'll study TV weather reports, make weather symbols and learn about the life and work of Sir Francis Beaufort. Creative opportunities will allow us to explore weather in works of art and make season trees. We'll compose weather poems and write postcards describing the weather in different places. Our thinking skills will come in handy when we experiment with thermometers, investigate the effects of the Sun and compare weather around the world.

When we are weather experts, we will share our knowledge with you. We will also record and broadcast our own weather reports.

Help your child prepare for their project

Weather is wonderful! Why not go for a walk and observe the weather? Take photographs and make notes of interesting observations. Alternatively, study a weather app together to see how symbols are used to show the weather over the coming days. You could also fly a kite in the park on different days to find out which conditions are best for kite flying!

What will you choose to do?

- Learn how to fly a kite, asking an adult to help you.
- Visit your local library to look for stories about the weather. Which is your favourite?
- Go out on a rainy day to find the biggest, widest and deepest puddle!
- Make a weather chart and keep a record of the weather every day.
- Learn how to spell weather words such as rain, wind, snow, sun, storm, wet, dry, hot and cold.
- Go on a walk, taking photographs of signs of the season, such as buds, new leaves or leaves falling from the trees.
- Collect rainwater in a container. How much can you collect in a week?
- Show an adult how to make a shadow with a torch.
- Make a mini book containing pictures of yourself wearing outfits suitable for each season or weather type.
- Take your teddy with you on holiday or a day out. Write about where your teddy went, what he did and what the weather was like.

