

Focus plan for Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Activity - Make an Igloo Date -

Learning intention

Build and construct with a wide range of objects, selecting appropriate resources and adapting their work where necessary.

Resources

Pictures of igloos, Inuit people, and pictures showing Inuit people living in towns in houses like ours.

Lego bricks, wooden bricks, large cardboard boxes

How the activity will be carried out

Invite the children to look at the pictures of igloos and the Inuit people. Explain to the children that the Inuit people live in towns like us, but some of them go out onto the snow and ice to hunt for food. When they do this they might build an igloo to protect them from the cold. Show the children how the igloo is made from large blocks of ice. Let them explore the Lego, blocks and boxes. Which do they think would fit together well to make an igloo? Help them to choose which construction material they would like to use, and let them have a go at building an igloo. An igloo is a bit like a cave, so have they got an opening to go in and out of? Does it go straight up or curve over. Is that easy to do with the boxes? Have fun trying out different ideas. When they are finished, find a small world figure to go inside them.

Questions to ask/Language to use

Build, blocks, curve, straight, opening, join, strong

Igloo, Inuit, snow, ice

Differentiation (Birth to Three)

Let the children play in large cardboard boxes covered with white sheets. Stack them up and knock them down.

Extension

Ask the children to choose a small world figure first. Can they make an igloo that the figure will fit into?

Evaluation