

## Snow Writing

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## Notes

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This is a sensory mark making activity that might also help your freezer to work more efficiently (and relies upon your freezer not having been defrosted in a while)! If you're lucky enough to have real snow outside you can obviously use this instead!

Most freezers over time form ice against the back and side walls. The first part of this activity involves collecting (scraping) some of this ice from your freezer. This could be something you do with your child, considering which tools are best. Once you have collected a bowlful of 'snow' then you can get ready for some exploration.

Empty your snow onto a surface that isn't white, and one that can cope with getting a little wet. A dark coloured tray or lid works well, as would a colourful plastic plate. Explore the cold snow with your child and think about using important key words as you do. If you wanted a comparison, you could also have a warm hot water bottle nearby (this could give opportunities to think about melting ice on the warm surface).

Model mark making in the snow - it is fine if your child is at a stage where they just want to scribble - if so you could show them how you draw lines or circles. If they are interested they might try to copy you, If they can do this, try making wavy or zig zag lines, or even consider forming some letters - your child will let you know at what level they want to engage - follow their lead where possible,

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