

**Class:** Penny Class

**Term:** Autumn 2

**Teacher:** Catherine Starkey

### Key Questions

How is our local environment changing?  
What do we do to prepare for winter?  
How do animals do to prepare for winter?  
How does your family celebrate Christmas? What is the Christmas story about?

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



### Overview

We will be sharing a range of Autumn/Winter stories and looking out for changes in our local environment. We will be carrying out our own freezing and melting experiments using different liquids and materials. We will be finding out about how animals prepare for winter and learning about animals from colder climates. We will be finding out about the First Christmas, why and how we celebrate this event.

### Title

# Paws, Claws and whiskers!

### Values

Friendship  
Rule of Law  
Peace



### Hook

Peace at Last theatre performance  
Bear Hunt in the woods  
Songs around the Christmas tree

### Outcomes

Children will be able to identify and talk about similarities and differences in their local environment and other environments. Children will be able to identify some woodland animals. Children will be able to talk about the Christmas story, learn some Christmas songs and participate in a Christmas performance to their parents.

**As a parent you can:** Go for lots of wintery walks and look for signs of seasonal changes. Talk about changes to the weather and how this effects the clothing you choose to wear. Help your child identify and name common birds, plants and woodland animals. Talk about your family routines and celebrations for Christmas.