



Activity title:	Whole School Assembly
Description:	Winter Weather - to think about the fun we can have in the snow, the hazards that it can bring and how we can help each other
Year groups:	Whole school
Dylan Thomas Text:	A Child's Christmas in Wales
Equipment required:	Copy of the book 'A Child's Christmas in Wales'. Optional: additional pictures to share with the pupils showing negative side of wintry weather, e.g. bird in snowy garden, elderly man or lady on icy pavement, car on icy road.
Suggested procedure:	<p>Show the cover of the book.</p> <p>Ask some questions about the cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Which season is it in the picture?What are the children doing?What are they wearing?Can you see who has written the book? <p>Explain that Dylan Thomas is a famous Welsh writer and that the pictures have been drawn by Edward Ardizzone many years after Dylan Thomas wrote the text of the book.</p> <p>Ask who likes wintry weather and why. Make time for discussion here.</p> <p>Maybe the children think that snow makes things look pretty? Do they like sledging, throwing snowballs, building snowmen or skidding on the playground?</p> <p>This is an opportunity to discuss safety and the importance of dressing warmly.</p> <p>Ask the children who they think might not like the snow. Optional: show pictures of what might not be liked about winter.</p>



	<p>You could suggest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- drivers, because snow and ice can make driving hazardous.- birds, because it makes it hard for them to find food.- older people, because it makes it slippery underfoot.- older people, might find it harder to keep warm in the winter. <p>Ask how we can help others.</p> <p>Suggest putting bread in the garden for birds. Suggest how we can help older people in the community or older relatives with the organisation of adults, e.g. going on errands to the shop for them if the pavements are icy.</p>
Prayer:	<p>Thank you, Lord, for the seasons and the wonderful variety of weather that it gives us.</p> <p>Thank you for the winter weather and the beauty it brings. Let us enjoy playing in the snow but remind us to care of ourselves when the cold weather makes the pavements and streets icy and slippery.</p> <p>Help us to be kind to the birds and animals who find it difficult to find food in the frozen ground.</p> <p>Remind us that old people need our support and help us to help them keep warm and safe in the winter.</p> <p>Amen.</p>

** These assembly ideas are also suitable to be used in lessons*