

### Literacy—"We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen

Read the story to your child or watch Youtube

[\(139\) We're Going on a Bear Hunt Sensory Story - YouTube](#) or [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gyl6ykDwds](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gyl6ykDwds)

Use your sensory props (or the sensory bottles you made)

Is your child starting to show any recognition of the story, anticipating certain chants? Joining in with actions?



**Make sensory bottles** to go with the "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" story – this time we are going to make one for mud and one for snow!

Mud— add about 6cm soil or compost to your bottle and add enough water so that it makes a good noise when you shake it around.

Snow— add desiccated coconut to a dry bottle or white cotton wool balls or pompoms. Put lids on, tighten and tape up/ glue.

### Understanding the World:

[Bird Watching Day | EYFShome.com](#) and/or [Big Schools' Birdwatch \(rspb.org.uk\)](#)

Can you see any birds in your garden? You could make a bird feeder or bird cake for them to eat. E.g. take a toilet roll, spread peanut butter all over then roll in birdseed. Hang it up outside .



### Squirrel's Class "Can We Explore It?"



Week 4

These activities can be repeated over the week/s. Our children learn by repetition and familiarity.

### Communication and Language / Number

Sing "2 Little Dicky Birds" with actions.

[\(5\) Two little dicky birds nursery rhyme -](#)

[YouTube](#) Repeat. Does your child show anticipation? Can you support them to join in with actions. Do they want more? How do they communicate this (eye contact, holding their hand out, vocalising?). Encourage your child to ask for "more" How about making simple finger puppets?

[Easy Bird Finger Puppet Origami - Red Ted Art - Make crafting with kids easy & fun](#)

I am rubbish at origami but I managed these!



### Sensory/Messy Play (linked to Bear Hunt)

**Chocolate Angel Delight "mud"** - Make up 2 packs of Chocolate Angel Delight (most supermarkets do a cheaper own brand or choc pudding mix) and allow to set. Tip out into a washing up bowl or tray and have fun making it go "squelch squerch"! You could use a pair of wellies to represent walking through it or just use your hands. You could add some small world plastic people if you have any.



**Sensory "Snow"** - there are many ideas for this: Desiccated coconut/ icing sugar/ flour / moon sand/ baking powder/ foam/ squirty cream

[How to Make Snow Dough - ONLY 2 INGREDIENTS! - Happy Home Fairy](#)

[Magic Snow Recipe \(growingajeweledrose.com\)](#)

### Expressive Arts and Design – music and movement

Play different pieces of music at different times – how does your child react? Encourage them to move to the music – jumping, spinning, waving their arms, pumping the air etc to disco music or rock. Try some Country and Western/ Classical music. Play happy songs, play blues. You could use scarves/ tea towels to flap around to the music. Make a note of any they really seem to like, and try them again.

Let's try some classical music—to go with our bird theme [\(5\) The Cinematic Orchestra - Arrival of the Birds - YouTube](#)

