

Winter in Literature

A few quotes to inspire winter writing, from the HFL Education Primary English team.

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe by C S Lewis (from Chapter 7)

“And where the water had been trickling over and spurting through the dam there was now a glittering wall of icicles, as if the side of the dam had been covered all over with flowers and wreaths and festoons of the purest sugar.”

The Ice Bear by Jackie Morris

“Over ice ridges, into valleys, the cold clung to him, gnawed at him, fed fear into his heart and bones...Powder-fine snow stole his energy until all his small strength was gone, and he fell to his knees.”

The Snow Dragon by Vivien French

“At last they began to trudge across the snow and ice, and the air was full of frost and silver flakes. Little Tuft’s footprints stretched behind them; there was no other mark on the wastes of frozen white.”

Winter’s Child by Angela McAllister

“The boy was waiting. He took Tom to a forest where glistening icicles hung like chimes. ‘Look we can make winter music,’ he said. Together they filled the snow-hushed air with tinkling notes.”

Shackleton’s Journey by William Grill

“Exhausted, the men clung together for warmth as the snow fell silently, covering them like a white blanket. The struggle for survival was taking its toll.”

Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone (from Chapter 6)

“The dwarf willows either side of the river were cloaked in white, but the sky above was a brilliant blue and, as Flint listened, he could hear the soft flump of snow sliding off the branches and the pop and crack of river ice melting.”

The Storm Whale in Winter by Benji Davies

“Winter was settling in, and all around the island the sea slowly filled with ice.”

The Wolf Wider by Katherine Rundell

Take a look at the first four pages of Chapter 8. Feo’s description of the five different types of cold is powerfully evocative and would make a fabulous extract for a Reading Fluency session.

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