

Winter Activity Booklet



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Winter Language



Choose a language other than English for this activity. You could choose one you are learning, one you speak at home or one you would like to learn. Use the internet or a language dictionary to translate the words below.

winter _____

December _____

January _____

February _____

cold weather _____

snow storm _____

blizzard _____

dark nights _____

four seasons _____

hat, gloves and scarf _____

icicles _____

frosty mornings _____

central heating _____

log fire _____

snowball fight _____

hot chocolate _____

Yule and Christmas

Yule is a Pagan winter festival. Many Christmas traditions have their origin in Yule. Use the internet to compare and contrast Yule with Christmas. Write about the similarities and differences in the table below.

Similarities between Yule and Christmas	Differences between Yule and Christmas



'Winter'

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Listen to 'Winter' by Vivaldi and then answer these questions. Some of the answers will be personal to you because each person has their own taste in music.

Is 'Winter' one piece of music? _____

Which instruments can you hear? _____

Which family do these instruments belong to? _____

Which instrument plays the main melody? _____

How are the movements of the music similar? _____

How are the movements of the music different? _____

Did you enjoy this piece of music? Explain your reasons. _____

Did 'Winter' remind you of any other pieces of music you have heard before? _____

Kwanzaa Art

Kwanzaa is an African American festival celebrated from 26th December to 1st January. It is a time for African American people to celebrate their African origins. Kwanzaa has seven principles: unity, self-determination, responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. Kwanzaa is celebrated with black, red and green to represent different things. Black symbolises people, red represents the struggle for freedom and green is the symbol of the future.

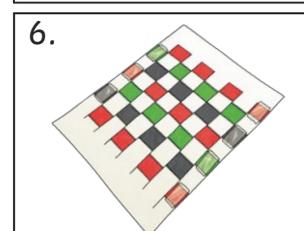
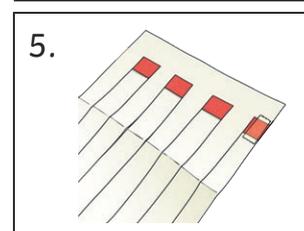
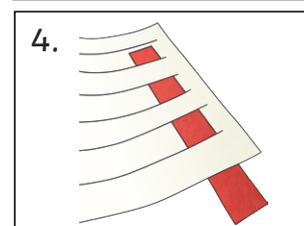
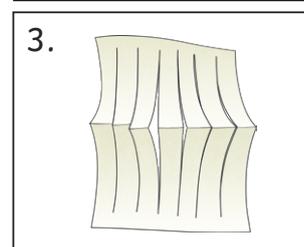
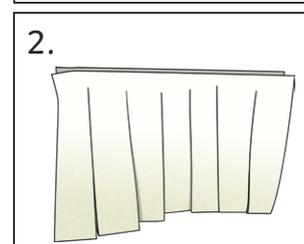
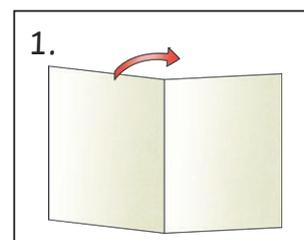
Create this piece of art using the symbolic colours of Kwanzaa.

You will need:

- A4 paper
- black, green and red strips of paper
- scissors
- sticky tape

What to do:

1. Fold the A4 paper in half so that the short sides meet each other.
2. Starting with your scissors on the fold line, cut towards (but do not reach) the edge of the paper.
3. Unfold the piece of paper.
4. Take the first strip of coloured paper (it doesn't matter which colour). Weave it in and out of the cuts in the paper.
5. When the strip is threaded all the way through, trim off any ends and secure them with sticky tape.
6. Repeat this process with the other strips of paper until you have filled your original piece of paper.



Winter Word Search

Find the words connected to winter from the list below. They could appear horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

t p f w i n t e r y m c
a s n o e b x b u q h h
r a r t h u r l c g c r
e i c i c l e i e g a i
b q c h o b a z c k y s
m i p w x w c z i l r t
e a l o e n t a t d a m
c h e n o y f r s p u a
e r e s i v h d l z r s
d j a n u a r y o d b x
a e j e h e l e s a e l
s t l g n i z e e r f l

winter
season
December
January

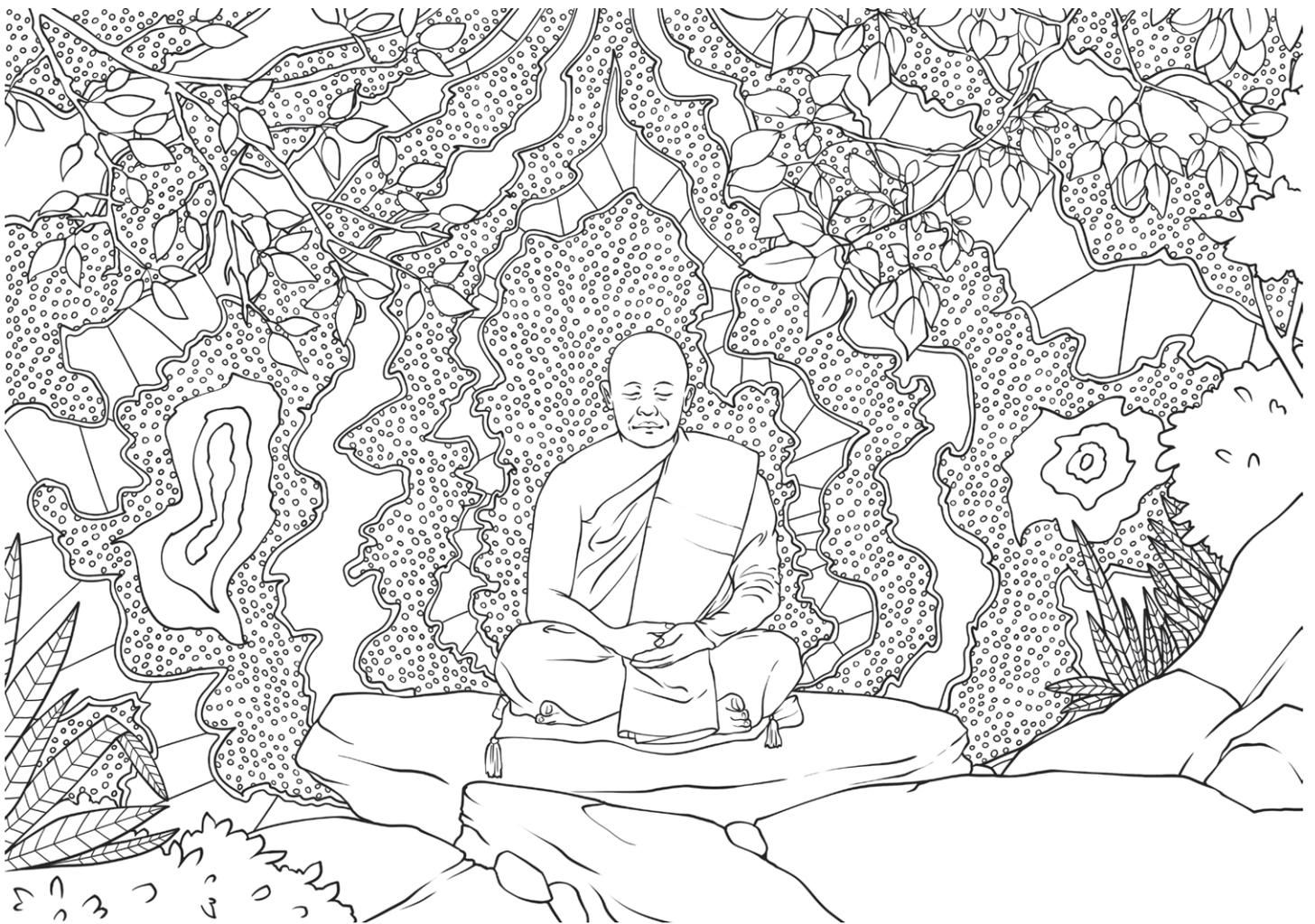
February
freezing
snow
icicle

blizzard
solstice
Yule
Christmas

Bodhi Day

Mindfulness Colouring In

Bodhi Day is a Buddhist festival celebrated in December. It marks the day when the Buddha reached enlightenment, which means he fully realised his purpose and the meaning of life. Enjoy some relaxing time by colouring in this sheet. Try listening to some relaxing music at the same time.



'Winter' Answers

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Is 'Winter' one piece of music? **No, it is three separate movements of music.**

Which instruments can you hear? **Violin, viola, cello and double bass.**

Which family do these instruments belong to? **The string family.**

Which instrument plays the main melody? **Violin.**

How are the movements of the music similar?

All three are played by string instruments.

All three of the movements have changes in dynamics from loud to soft.

How are the movements of the music different?

The first movement is in a minor key and sounds spooky. It is quite fast.

The second movement sounds quite cheerful and peaceful.

The third movement sounds sad and thoughtful at the start but becomes dramatic.

This movement seems to echo part of the first movement.

Did you enjoy this piece of music? Explain your reasons.

Answers will be the children's own responses.

Did 'Winter' remind you of any other pieces of music you have heard before?

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Winter Word Search Answers

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r a r t h u r l c g c r
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m i p w x w c z i l r t
e a l o e n t a t d a m
c h e n o y f r s p u a
e r e s i v h d l z r s
d j a n u a r y o d b x
a e j e h e l e s a e l
s t l g n i z e e r f l

winter

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