



Activity 15 Weather Art

Exploring the beauty and variety of nature whatever the weather or season through simple art activities using different media.

Curriculum area(s)	Resources needed	Preparatory activity
<p>Expressive arts Art & design.</p> <p>Science Planet Earth – biodiversity and interdependence.</p>	<p>Outdoor space</p> <p>Materials Paper, paint, brushes, chalk, pencils; coloured acetate paper, cardboard frames; Sunprint paper; easels or clipboards; washing line, pegs; plant mister spray bottle.</p> <p>Digital camera(s)</p>	<p>Images of the natural world Explore images of the natural world across the seasons and by different artists.</p> <p>How do the artists use colour, texture, shape and form to reflect the weather?</p> <p>Make cardboard frames with different coloured acetate paper. Go outside to explore the world through this new view.</p>

Main activity description

Sunny shadow drawings

Make drawings by following the outlines of shadows of plants, trees and other natural objects caught on paper. How will you record any movement in the breeze?

Use Sunprint paper to capture natural shape and form, to demonstrate the role of light energy in creating images on sensitive paper.

Use water and big brushes to paint a picture on a dry playground.

Rainy day paintings

On a dry day, paint elements of the landscape outside, incorporating natural elements where possible. On the next rainy day, peg up your paintings on a washing line outside, and see your paintings transform into watercolour landscapes! Does a windy day create an extra effect?

Misty, damp or frosty days

Explore your school grounds or outside space looking for spider webs. These stand out with frost or water droplets on them! On dry days, mimic this effect using a plant mister water bottle, taking care not to damage the webs. Take photographs for indoor display.

Cold weather art

Take photographs of frosted plant seed heads. Create your own natural decorations by hanging seed heads like teasel from branches and outside windows – birds like these too! To *Create an ice sculpture and make a snowflake* see the SNH magazine [Winter 2009 issue](#). (<http://www.snh.gov.uk/publications-data-and-research/publications/search-the-catalogue/publication-detail/?id=1433>)



Extension activities

Create living landscapes

With wild flowers and meadow mixes. See Scotia Seeds in the resources section of this pack.

Sources & further inspiration

Drawing Differently

Visit the [Bigdraw website](http://www.thebigdraw.org/) (<http://www.thebigdraw.org/>)

Photographs of nature

See images in the SNH magazines, [The Nature of Scotland](#) (<http://snhwebsite:8090/publications-data-and-research/publications/magazine/>).

