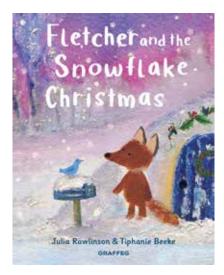
Fletcher's Four Seasons series Fletcher and the Snowflake Christmas



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Front cover

Discussion

Who is the author of this book? She wrote the Fletcher fox stories. Who is the illustrator? She draws the pictures to go with the story text. What time of year is it do you think? How do you know? Let's find some clues to help us. **Activities** Investigate the work of Andy Goldsworthy – environmental art.



Inside spread

Discussion

How many berries are there on this sprig? And this one?

Have you seen real holly leaves?

How do they look/feel?

They are prickly – I wonder why?

Activities

Make a holly wreath from green card leaves and shiny glitter or paper berries.



Pages 4 & 5

Discussion

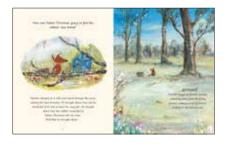
Look at the trees – what is sprinkled over the branches? Where did it come from?

Who has been dancing through the trees? Jack Frost

Oh dear what was blocking the door of the burrow?

Activities

Create a small world area outdoors – sprinkle flour and glitter over the trees.





Pages 6 & 7

Discussion

How was Fletcher Fox feeling? Why was he sad? What did he decide to do to help? That was kind - have you been kind to someone? How? When? Activities Help the children make and write a thank you note/card to someone.

Pages 8 & 9 Discussion

How was squirrel preparing for Christmas? Holly and stocking What did squirrel decide to do? What colour is the squirrel's front door? What colour is your front door? Activities

Make decorations to hang on a tree from recycled materials.



Pages 10 & 11

Discussion

Who did Fletcher & squirrel meet next? How many birds can you count? Did they decide to come and help too? Can you make arrows out of sticks? Where will your arrows lead?

Activities

Collect sticks and create a path pointing to a treasure box in the play area/garden.



Pages 12 & 13

Discussion

Can you remember who were helping to lay the arrows – Fletcher, squirrel the birds?

Who did they meet next?

What were the mice doing when Fletcher arrived?

Activities

Create a reading den and decorate it outside, add cushions and torches for reading inside.



Pages 14 & 15

Discussion

What happened next? Can you see inside the burrow – who is there? They look like shadows. Activities Create shadow pictures or puppets.



Pages 16 & 17

Discussion Look at the different shapes. Have you seen snow? What did it look like? Feel like? What did you do in the snow? Activities Make snowflakes and decorate them with shiny adornments.



Pages 18 & 19

Discussion

Oh dear – what happened to the stick arrows? Where have they gone? Underneath the snow What will they do now? Activities

Make relief paintings or Christmas shape relief pattern wrapping paper.



Pages 20 & 21

Discussion

What was Fletcher's idea? Should we stay awake on Christmas eve? Why? Can you spot what he has left next to his bed? For whom I wonder? Activities

Make some reindeer dust and a thank you card for Father Christmas.



Pages 22 & 23

Discussion
Can you get to sleep easily on Christmas eve?
Why not? How are you feeling?
Oh no! - everyone fell asleep!
But guess what?
Activities
Pretend to sleep, awake, crouch, stretch, get up, walk, jog etc.



Pages 24 & 25

Discussion

The friends took presents over to the rabbits. Who else went to see the rabbits with Fletcher, squirrel and the mice? Can you see what they have made in the snow? How many presents are wrapped on the floor?

Activities

Create a wrapping station provision for Father Christmas' elves.



Pages 26 & 27

Discussion

How does this picture make you feel?

What are the birds doing?

Where are the rabbits? Can you see what's on top of the tree?

Activities

Learn about the traditions of the star, mistletoe, tree and holly at Christmas.



Back cover

Discussion

Can you spot Fletcher?

What do we call the writing on the back of a book?

What is it for?

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