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# **November Unit - Animals in Winter, Hibernation and Seerah**

## **Science, Math and Art: Animals in Winter and Hibernation**

### **1) Books**

#### **Living Books**

1. The Mitten by Jan Brett
2. The snowy nap by Jan Brett
3. One Winter Day M. Christina Butler
4. One Snowy night by Nick Butterworth
5. Bear and squirrel are friends by Deb Pilutti
6. Over and under the snow by Kate Messner
7. Sleepover with Beatrice and Bear by Monica Carnesi
8. Kittens Winter by Eugenie Fernandes
9. Winters coming - A story of Seasonal changes by Jan Thornhill
10. Bear has a story to tell by Phillip C. Stead
11. Ground Hog stays up late by Margery Cyler
12. First snow in the woods by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick
13. Bear's Winter Party by Deborah Hodge
14. Winter is coming by Tony Johnston
15. Bear snores on by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman
16. A Loud Winter's Nap by Katy Hudson
17. Wide Awake Bear by Pat Zietlow Miller
18. Chaucer's First Winter by Stephen Krensky
19. Winter Garden by Ruth Brown
20. Wild Kratts Wild Winter Creatures by Martin Kratt (Reading with help step 2)
21. Are You Sure Mother Bear? By Amy Hest
22. Winter, Winter Cold and Snow by Sharon Gibson Palermo
23. Baby Bear counts one by Ashley Wolff
24. Sleep Black Bear, Sleep by Jane Yolen

#### **Informative Books:**

25. Why do animals hibernate? By Michael Uliniski
26. All About Animals in Winter by Martha E H. Rustad
27. Hibernation by Robin Nelson
28. Hibernation by Anita Ganeri
29. What can live in the Snow? By Micheal Bright
30. Let's look at Winter by Sarah L. Schuette
31. A Den is a Bed for a Bear - A book about hibernation by Becky Baines
32. Animals Hibernating - How animals survive Extreme Conditions by Pamela Hickman (more of a reference for parents)
33. Animals in Winter by Martha E. H. Rustad

## **2) Lapbooks/Printables:**

We made two lapbooks this month based on 2 books:

- [Owl lapbook](#) by Martin Waddel
- [Mitten Lapbook](#) by Jan Brett

## **3) Crafts**

We did a bunch of easy low prep crafts in this unit.

- Sculpting Rabbit out of modeling clay
- Fox suncatcher painting from dollar store
- Make a den for a hibernating bear out of brown paper lunch bag
- Bear masks - provided by Javeria
- [Hedgehog mask](#)
- Owl styrofoam cup puppet craft
- Hibernation and camouflage craft - Javeria's idea

## **Islamic Studies**

### **1)Name of Allah:**

- **Al Hafidh - The Protector.**
- **Meaning:** He is the One who protects the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, records the deeds of His slaves and protects the believers from danger and Satan, and from committing sins.
- **Occurrence:** Al-Haa dh: 3 times; Al-Hafeedh: 3 times.
- **Book: Quran:** “Allah is the Best Guardian.” (Surat Yusuf: 12:64); “My Lord is guardian over all things.”(Surat Hud: 11:57)
- **Explanation:** Ties in with seerah as we are focusing on Prophet’s childhood. Each of Prophet SAWS’s caretaker passed away one by one, he was taken care of by Allah. He was under Allah;s constant care.
- **Craft:** Take a light coloured construction paper and write the name al-hafeez on it with white crayon so that its not very prominent. Tell the children to use a dark coloured pencil and colour over it, so that it becomes more obvious. Explain the idea that Allah is always watching over us and protecting us from harm.

## **2) Prophet of Allah:**

### **Prophet SAWS - Year of Elephants and Prophet's Early childhood.**

- **Books:** Goodnight stories from the life of Prophet SAWS (Goodword Kids)
- Life of the Prophet SAWS for children by Goodword kids
- Story of the Elephants by shade 7
- My First Quran with pictures for explanation of Surah Feel
- **Dua:** Durood and its importance. Short durood from Hisn ul Muslim so kids can memorize it easily. Also mention that it should be read 10 times in the morning and evening. Print out the durood in a shape of cloud and paste it on blue construction paper. Let the children 10x to remember that they have to read this 10 times in the morning and evening.
- **Craft:**
  - 1)**Prophet SAWS as a shepherd:** Make sheep out of Cotton pads and paste them on a green construction paper. Explain how difficult it is to be a sheperd and tend and lead animals. This job was to prepare him for his role as a Prophet later. (Javeria's Idea)
  - 2)**Qualities of the Prophet:** Mention one quality of Prophet SAWS and stick a cloud cut up of glitter or simple foam stickers, so each time they look at a cloud, they remember the qualities of Prophet SAWS (Javeria's Idea)

## **3) Akhlaq of the month:**

### **C is for Cleanliness**

- **Hadith:** Cleanliness is Half of Imaan
- **Explanation:** Talk about spiritual heart - how it grows when we do good things.
- **Craft:** Cut out a heart and explain the concept of whole and half by folding the heart in half. Draw 3 things that makes the spiritual heart grow. (Cleaning up room, finishing up your plate, sharing toys, smiling at someone) (Javeria's idea)

## **4) Islamic Month:**

### **Rabiul Awal**

- **A little history:** Prophet SAWS was born in the year of Elephants in 571 AD. The book Story of Elephants is a beautiful pop-up book that explains the history in a very child friendly way.
- Mention that the Prophet SAWS was born this month. He also passed away in Rabiul Awal. We do not celebrate the Prophet's birthday because he never did, his wives did not do it, nor did any of his companions, during his life or after his death. They expressed their love to him by following his sunnah and by following the commandments of the Quran.
- **Craft:** We sewed an Elephant using felt and stuffed it with cotton balls. (Courtesy to Javeria whose brilliant idea it was and provided us with the elephant cut out)
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