



## **Activities at Home**

### **Project: 'Wild and Wonderful'**

**Dear Parents,**

**The activity for week:            3            beginning:    is Wild Weather**

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The activity we will be covering involves:

- Recapping weather that we know
- Learning about extreme weather, focusing on thunderstorms
- Using body percussion to create a thunderstorm with our bodies
- A parachute game where we make a storm
- Creating storm pictures

**Our activity includes:**

- First, the children will recap the weathers that they are familiar with, before talking about more extreme weathers. Today, we will be focusing on thunderstorms
- We will engage with this further by watching the video 'All About Thunderstorms' ( <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsUjBiZiUFg> ). The children will also be invited to watch as I create a thunderstorm in a jar
- The children will then share their thoughts/opinions about the video and about storms, and we will then use our bodies to create our very own body percussion thunderstorm
- The children will also use their voices to create a thunderstorm, by playing a fun thunderstorm parachute game
- The children will then be invited to explore chalk and black paper to create their own thunderstorm pictures

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**You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations.**

**Our suggested activities are:**

- Share the story *After the Storm* by Nick Butterworth and discuss the aftermath of the storm-what damage had it caused? How do you think it caused the damage?

- Use powder paint to create storm paintings with your child next time it rains-simply sprinkle powder paint on a sheet of paper and leave it outside in rainy weather
- Next time it rains, grab your wellies, raincoat and umbrella and take a walk. Ask your child to describe the different sounds that they hear as they walk (e.g. splashes from the rain, claps of thunder etc)

**The big question:**

ask your child:

Do you think it's OK to play in the rain? Why/why not?

