

TAPS Scotland Focused Assessment example





Topic: MaterialsPrimary 1-2
Age 4-6Title of example:
Ice castles

Scientific skills focus

Analyse and interpret: Recognises similarities, patterns and differences in the findings and links these to the original question.



Curriculum link

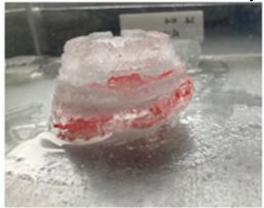
Through creative play, I explore different materials and can share my reasoning for selecting materials for different purposes.

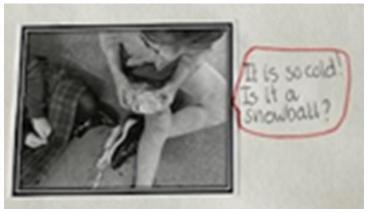
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Example

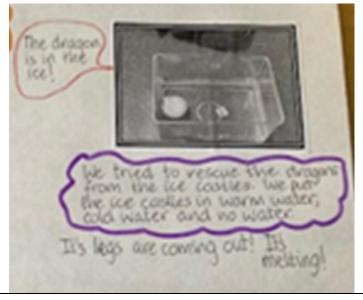
The class held an ice cube race to see what could help to melt them faster e.g. breathing on it, shaking it, holding it in gloves, holding in a jumper etc. They then explored ice castles (water frozen in small containers/buckets, including small plastic dragons) and described what they noticed and what they felt like:

'It's so cold.' 'Is it a snowball?' 'It's very cold and hard.'





The children were then invited to see if they could rescue the dragons more quickly by putting the ice castles in warm water, cold water or no water.



'It's melting now.'
'You need to put it in the freezer to cold it.'
'When it's sunny the ice melts.'
'It's legs are coming out. It's melting.'
'There's a lot of water now.'

Children meeting the objective would be able to discuss their observations about the ice melting.

Example from Mearns Primary School, East Renfrewshire