

Suggested activities based on 'The Snow Queen'

Literacy

- Write a newspaper article about the disappearance of Kai.
- Write the newspaper headlines the day Kai and Gerda return.
- Write the letter Gerda might have written to her best friend after her time with the gentle witch.

History Activity

- Discover more about the original author of 'The Snow Queen' Hans Christian Andersen. What other wonderful stories did he write? Make a list of them.

Drama Activities

- The Snow Queen's Frozen Statues
- Ask everyone to stand in a circle facing outwards. When you count to 3, they must turn inwards and create a frozen statue of the character you name from the story.
- Snowy Soundscapes
- Ask the class to close their eyes and imagine the Snow Queen's palace. Ask them to think about what sounds they might hear there. Call on individual children to make their sound. When you give the cue ask all the class to make that sound. When you are finished discuss the impact of the soundscape

with the class. Did anyone have a particular picture in their mind when they heard a sound?

- Hot Seat the Characters
- One volunteer takes on the role of Gerda and one volunteer takes on the role of Kai. The class ask them questions. Put other characters from the story in the hot seat.

SPHE

- Each child is given a snowflake template on which to draw or write all the things they are good at. The snowflakes are joined together or hung on a piece of string that is displayed in the classroom. This becomes a Snowflake Chain of Strengths.

Art Activities

- The illustrator Laura Barrett used silhouette art to illustrate this book. Find out more about this form of art.
- Draw a story map of all the places Gerda went in her search for Kai. Use silhouette art to do this.
- Use the interactive whiteboard for the children to draw the side profile of their face in silhouette.