Igloo

Environment White box iceberg towers dotted around space. Kapok snow in white shelter, bells, ice-cubes in bowls. Small white parachute as igloo dome. Wind machine and timpani/beaters (covered in voiles). Mirror ball snow. Large white parachute. Furs and fire, seal/polar bear puppets, ice-cream.



Ice and snow Enter through iceberg landscape, tapping, scraping sounds on ice-boxes, find snow shelter, dive into snow, play the tinkly ice bells, feel and taste the cold ice-cubes, build towers, bridges, pathways with giant ice blocks (white boxes). Watch them melt and tumble and rise again.







Storm Introduce wind machine, hear the storm coming - play the timpani as thunder rolls around the space and the snow (mirror ball) begins to fall and swirl (voiles). Feel the vibrations of the timpani through the white boxes. Pull out white parachute as snow covers the ground, see it waft and billow over space, get lost underneath, roll and tumble into the white snowdrifts as the snow falls all around you.









Igloo Use the ice-blocks to build the walls of a shelter/igloo. Help each other, passing blocks and balancing them on each other 'til the round igloo shape is all around you. Bring out soft furs, feel their textures, lie on them, wrap yourselves up warm and safe. meet the seal-pup and polar bear who are sharing your shelter.

Fire Bring out the fire and light it with magic, see it flicker and glow in the dark as mirror ball light snowflakes dance over the roof and walls. Find the cool bag with ice-cream supplies. Taste and enjoy the cold ice-cream, then light down and listen as icy sounds twinkle around you and the snow falls.

Evaluation The white cardboard boxes were an excellent resource, completely changing the space in several different ways - angular icebergs, bridges, pathways, a ship, a white ice wall. even the most difficult to engage clients found ways of using them, building, knocking down peeping through, making sounds, feeling vibrations etc. and they made brilliant walls of the igloo - a task which all joined in, helping each other and having fun. Many clients were fascinated by the wind machine - the sound, the circular movement, the slats. Timpani were enjoyed, specially by those who can only manage little movements which still made BIG sounds. Others enjoyed the billowing of the parachute, hiding beneath, rolling over as the storm reached its climax. The igloo space felt safe, warm and cosy with the mirrorball snow falling outside and many did not want to leave! Some lovely, caring interactions with animal puppets. Ice-cream a big hit as always



