

Winter, 2022—Animal Superheroes

Season Overview—In Person

	Lesson of the Week	Lesson Description	Special Content	Materials for Class
Preseason	 <p>We All Play</p>	<p>Jumping off from the book, <i>We All Play</i> by Julie Flett, we introduce our Animal Superheroes theme and a series of fun at-home activities and resources to celebrate outdoor play and winter. We are so excited for this most special season!</p> <p>Humans, like other animals, learn and connect through outdoor play!</p>	<p>Video Read Aloud <i>We All Play</i> by Julie Flett</p> <p>Preseason Page Visit our Preseason page, full of activities and resources for the whole family.</p>	<p>Before live sessions begin, there is plenty to enjoy, including at-home activities and a video read-aloud for kids. Plus, you'll find a winter gear guide and other articles and videos for grown ups to help you access all this season has to offer. Visit our Preseason page to see it all!</p>
Live Unit 1: Super Survivors	 <p>Our Winter Classroom</p>	<p>In our first live sessions together, we will get to know our classroom and one another as we play like squirrels. Just like these amazing creatures, we will use our sense of smell and clues to gather and explore cached objects we'll use to play all winter long!</p> <p>We have everything we need to play and learn outside in winter!</p>	<p>Video Read Aloud <i>The Squirrel's Busy Year</i> by Martin Jenkins</p> <p>Featured Creature: Squirrel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water bottle • A favorite nature treasure* • Seasonal layers
	 <p>Frozen Friends</p>	<p>In honor of a most persistent frigid creature, Ice Worm, we will explore frozen treasures. We'll free pretend worms and other objects from their frozen "homes" and experiment with freezing and melting as we excavate for objects locked inside frozen treasures.</p> <p>We can persist when we stick with it and try new things.</p>	<p>Video Read Aloud <i>Glacier on the Move</i> by Elizabeth Rusch and Alice Brereton</p> <p>Featured Creature Ice Worm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water bottle • Seasonal layers

*nature treasure (noun)

Any object from nature that looks, smells, feels and sounds captivating to kids (acorns, pebbles, pine cones, sticks, etc.)!

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 <p>Sound Play</p>	<p>This week, we will experiment with sound, testing our ability to be as quiet as a Snowy Owl on the hunt and noisy as a Snowy Owl who is looking for a friend. We'll enjoy a listening walk and the chance to make all kinds of sounds!</p> <p>Switching our approach to fit the situation is a key part of persistence.</p>	<p>Video Read Aloud <i>Quiet</i> by Deborah Underwood</p> <p>Featured Creature Snowy Owl</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water bottle • Seasonal Layers • Container with a lid (e.g. yogurt container, oatmeal container, tupperware) • Metal spoon or other utensil
 <p>Nest for Explorers</p>	<p>Nesting birds do mighty work. It takes them hours, but they use just what they have available to build a marvelous, cozy and safe home in which they can incubate, catch and raise babies. Together, we can pretend to be birds, each gathering materials, building a nest, caring for "eggs" and taking turns "feeding" our guides.</p> <p>Like nesting birds, we use what we have to create a marvelous home.</p>	<p>Video Read Aloud <i>Carpenter's Helper</i> by Sybil Rosen and Camille Garoche</p> <p>Featured Creature Robin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water bottle • Seasonal Layers
 <p>Super Celebration</p>	<p>This week, we will throw a party to celebrate all of our animal superheroes. We get our Persistence badges and the playing card for our final superhero: Explorers! We are Superheroes for our curiosity, empathy and creativity! Today is a day of joyful celebration and reflection. In the end, we circle around the greatest superheroes we know—our explorers!</p> <p>Thank you to everyone for a wonderful season!</p>	<p>Video Read Aloud <i>Lucia, the Luchadora</i> by Cynthia Leonor Garza</p> <p>Featured Creature Explorers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanket, table cloth or bed sheet • Water bottle • Seasonal Layers

Live Unit 3: Clever Creators

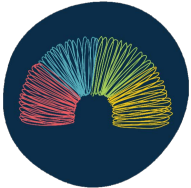

How best to dress for outdoor play this winter?

Visit our tinkergarten.com/winter page for tips and inspiration about how to gear kids (and you) up so you can stay safe and comfy learning outdoors all winter long—whatever winter looks like where you live.



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Post-Season

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 <p>Celebration</p>	<p>To help explorers and guides reflect on all of the learning they've done and all of the joyful memories and friendships forged during the season, we will encourage families to review their Galleries and talk with their children about all that they learned this winter season.</p>	<p>We'll also provide grown ups with some prompts to use with kids to get them thinking, talking and reflecting on all that they experienced outdoors this winter as they review their season maps, family Portfolio and class Galleries. We do this to reinforce all that kids have learned, boost their communication skills and deepen powerful memories.</p>
 <p>EVENT: Spring Forward</p>	<p>To help explorers and guides embrace change and celebrate the rhythms and cycles of nature, we will celebrate the start of Daylight Savings Time and the moment where so many of us "spring forward" the clocks to experience one extra hour of daylight. More event info to come!</p>	<p>We will share more event information as we start our Winter, Animal Superheroes season. Families who enroll in Tinkergarten classes will be able to access resources to help them celebrate the coming of Spring and this special event in their My Tinkergarten Dashboard. We look forward to celebrating the cycles of the natural world and the power of community with you!</p>

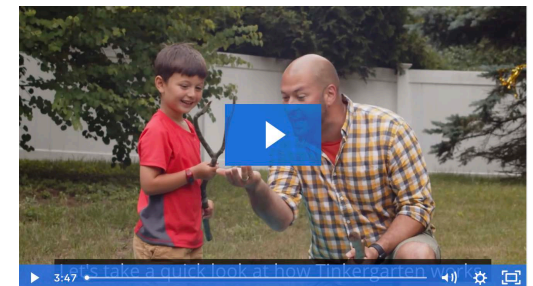
What's Included Each Week?

Each week, you will find the following program resources in your **My Tinkergarten dashboard**:

- What to bring to each live session.
- A video read-aloud of a marvelous book related to the week's theme, featured creature or season skill.
- Three at-home activities designed to help grown ups help kids keep building on the live lesson at home.
- Tips for grown ups in various formats (video, article, etc.)
- Access to seasonal resources like the Come to Tinkergarten song, season map and season overview.

Animal Superhero Cards!

Each week, kids will also take home a new trading card with fun facts and ways to play!



We created a quick "[How it Works](#)" video to show how to get the most out of the program this Winter season. You can find a link to it in your [My Tinkergarten](#), too! We can't wait to learn with you!