The Magic of Snow

When it snows, flakes float in the air. At first glance, snow may seem too light to be a building material. But when it collects, it is perfect for shaping into forms.

You can make snow people by rolling snow into round balls. First, find a patch of snowy ground. Then, use a big ball for the body and a smaller ball for the head. You can add a hat, a carrot nose, and stone or acorn buttons. You can even make a cradle for a baby snow person to sleep in!

Another thing to build out of snow is an igloo, a cozy home made of snow blocks. The blocks must be cut into shapes that fit together. Then they are stacked in a circle to create a dome shape. Inside, it stays warmer than outside, even when it is empty.

Some kids build snow forts. To build a fort, collect snow and pile it up to make walls. Then dig out windows and doors. If the weather gets too warm, a snow fort can start to melt and leak. The walls might even split and burst. But don’t worry. If a snow fort gets flat or damaged, you can always rebuild it with more snow!