Time Outside Together (TOTs): Ice & Snow

Resources to explore the natural world with children under five.

Compare Ice and Snow!

Go outside and find a place with both ice and snow. If you have trouble finding ice, you can bring ice cubes from your freezer with you.

- **Look** closely at the ice. What do you notice?
  
  Look closely at the snow. How does the snow look different from the ice?

- **Touch** the snow. How does it feel? Touch the ice. How does it feel? In what ways do the snow and ice feel similar? In what ways do they feel different?

- **Poke** the snow with one finger. What happens?
  
  Now, poke the ice. How is it different from the snow?

- **Hold** a small amount of snow in your bare hand for 10 seconds. What happens? What will happen if you hold a small amount of ice in your hand for 10 seconds? Try it!