

Dilemma 1: The Snowy Afternoon

You are teaching your Year One class on a winter afternoon. There are three children in the class who have recently arrived in the UK: Halima from Somalia, Joseph from Zimbabwe, and Amudha from Sri Lanka. These three children have been fairly quiet and withdrawn in class, and you have been trying your best to engage them and encourage their interaction with their peers. Your mentor has encouraged you to be flexible in your lesson plans. Snow begins to fall outside. All of the children are excited, but particularly Halima, Joseph and Amudha, who have never seen snow before and who gaze out of the window in amazement, Amudha asks: 'Can we please go outside and touch it?'

