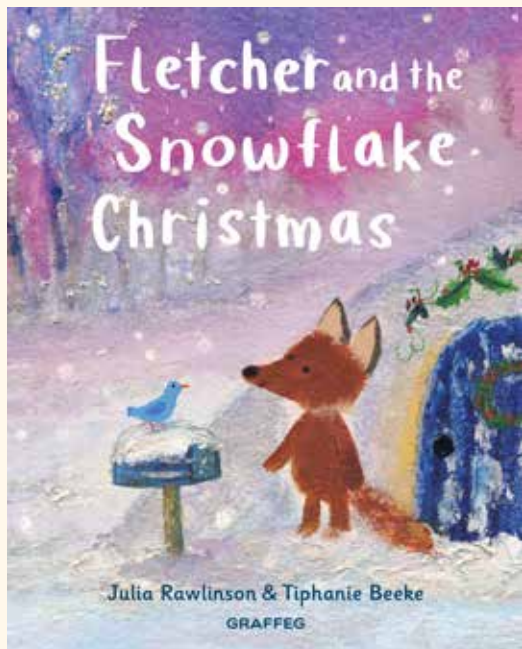


Fletcher and the Snowflake Christmas

Notes for Educators



Who is the author? Julia Rawlinson. She wrote the story.

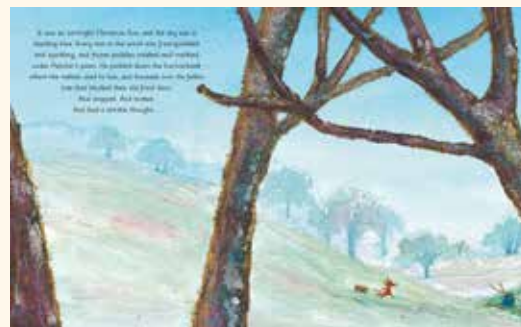
Who is the illustrator? Tiphonie Beeke. She drew the pictures.

What time of year do you think it is?

How do you know?

Activities

Go for a winter walk. What can you see, hear, smell and feel?



Listen for sound words – creaked, crackled.

Listen for movement words – padded, bounced.

Oh dear, what's blocking the door of the burrow?

Activities

Scrunch different materials – what sounds do they make?

Listen to Winter from Vivaldi's Four Seasons. Move to the music.



How is Fletcher feeling? Why is he sad? What does he decide to do?

He's being kind – when have you been kind to someone? How?

Listen for 'cold' words – shivered, chill, frosty.

Activities

Make and write a thank you card for someone.

Think about the weather. Is it cold, rainy, sunny, snowing?



How is Squirrel decorating for Christmas? Holly and stocking.

What colour is Squirrel's front door?

What colour is your front door?

Activities

Make decorations from natural materials e.g. pine cones.



Who do Fletcher and Squirrel meet next?

The birds have 'feathers fluffed against the cold'. How do you keep warm?

How many arrows can you count?

Activities

Collect sticks to create an arrow trail.

Make other stick shapes and pictures.



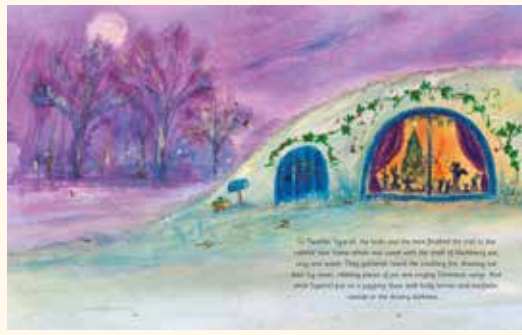


Can you remember who is helping to lay the arrows? Fletcher, Squirrel and the birds.

Who do they meet next?
What are the mice doing?

Activities

Create a reading den and decorate it. Add cushions and torches for reading inside.



Who is inside the rabbits' burrow?
They look like shadows.

Activities

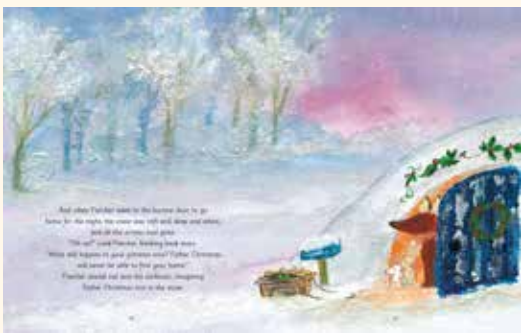
Create shadow pictures or puppets.



Look at the different snowflake shapes.
Have you seen snow?
What did it look like? Feel like?
What did you do in the snow?

Activities

Make paper snowflakes.



Oh dear – what has happened to the stick arrows? Where have they gone?
Underneath the snow.

Activities

Paint a snowy picture. Add cotton wool or tissue paper snow.



What is Fletcher's idea?
Should we stay awake on Christmas Eve?
Why?

What has Fletcher left by his bed? Who might it be for? Father Christmas and the reindeer.

Activities

Make a cosy bed for a toy, pine cone animal or stick person.



Where do different animals sleep?
Branches, nests, burrows, dens.

Activities

Pretend to sleep, wake up, stretch, get up, rush.



The friends take presents to the rabbits.
Who else is with Fletcher, Squirrel and the mice?

Can you see what the rabbits have made in the snow? A snow rabbit.

How many presents are wrapped on the ground?

Activities

Decorate paper for wrapping presents.



How does this picture make you feel?

What are the birds doing?

What is on top of the tree?

Fletcher and his friends are celebrating Christmas. What do you enjoy celebrating?

Activities

Talk about celebration traditions.

