What's happening? Talk about the picture together.

Vocabulary:

- bus shelter
- trees
- house
- freezing
- birds
- children
- bare
- stuck
- wrap up
- cat
- smoke
- umbrella
- push
- cosy
- walk
- chimney
- blow
- windy
- inside
- buggy

Tutor notes: You may need to pre-teach vocabulary. Use the words to label the picture and ask questions to prompt. Write down the sentences your learner comes up with and use these to return to the picture in a later session. Cut the sentences up and get your learner to put them back in the right order. The activity on the next page is a ready-to-go version.

The illustration (above) and six individual scenes from the “Welcoming in Winter” illustration can be accessed on the English Language Partners website in the tutor login area. For website authorization details please contact your centre.

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Sentence cut ups

Tutor notes: Use these sentences to support the picture. Copy the page, cut the sentences in half and ask your learner to put them together so that they make sense. Use the original to check accuracy.

- There is a cat sitting in a window.
- The trees are bare.
- Smoke is coming out of the chimneys.
- The wind has blown the umbrella inside out.
- People are sitting in the bus shelter.
- Someone is picking fruit from a tree.
- A family is eating hot soup inside a house.
- A car is stuck in the driveway.
- Birds are feeding from a bird table.
- People are wrapped up in warm winter clothes.
- The car headlights are on.

Listen and draw 🎧 + 🖋

Tutor notes: You need a blank sheet of paper and a pencil each. Ask your learner to draw while you describe the picture, or your learner can describe the picture while you draw. The outcomes will provide scope for further discussion (and lots of laughter!).

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MATARIKI

Matariki means 'the eyes of God'. New Zealand Maori watch for a cluster of seven bright stars (also known as Pleiades) in the dawn sky in the month of June each year. This signals the beginning of the Maori New Year. The night sky was the map and compass before the two existed and Maori measured time by the stars as well. Matariki marks the end of the harvest and the beginning of the new planting season. If the stars were clear and bright, it meant the crops would be good and planting would begin in September. If dull and bunched together, a cold winter was in store and planting was delayed until October.

Festivals, art shows, concerts, craft classes and cultural performances celebrate Matariki. Flying kites and setting off fireworks are also popular. Historically, Matariki was a time of feasting and festivity. Maori gathered to say goodbye to the dead, reflect on the past year, share skills and knowledge, and make plans.

Text source: www.itsasmallworld.co.nz

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To find out more about Matariki and the events that are happening in your area follow this link to www.matarikievents.co.nz and ‘roll over’ your region on the map of Aotearoa.

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WINTER TONIC
Feeling ‘under the weather’? This traditional recipe will make you feel much better!

Stephen’s Old Fashioned Cure-all

Ingredients:
- 1 teaspoon (tsp) manuka honey
- 1 tablespoon (tbsp) cider vinegar
- Boiling water

Instructions:
Put the honey and cider vinegar in a large mug. Fill up the mug with boiling water
- Stir and adjust to taste (add more honey if you would like the tonic to be sweeter)
- Blow on the tonic to cool
- Slurp gently

You may like to try making this tonic with your learner. This activity may lead to a discussion around tonics or family remedies from your learner’s country.
(Thanks to Stephen Thwaite for providing the recipe and to Dorothy for being the guinea-pig!!)

FEED THE BIRDS

There isn’t much food for birds in winter so you can help by offering leftover bread and fruit. You can buy bird feeders like the one in the photo from garden centres or DIY stores, and you can also hang net vegetable bags filled with bird food from the branches of trees. You’ll be rewarded with a garden full of birds.

Birdcake recipe:

You need: a clean yoghurt pot or other container, a pan, string.

Ingredients: 1 part suet or lard
- 2 parts of a mix of: seeds (birdseed or sunflower, pumpkin and sesame), nuts, raisins, sultanas, finely chopped bacon rind, breadcrumbs

Instructions:
Melt or soften the suet or lard in a pan.
Add the other ingredients and mix well. Leave the mixture to cool a little then pour it into your container. If you want to hang your container, first make a hole in the base and thread some string through the hole. Leave enough string outside the container to hang it up with. Pour the mixture into the container over the string. Once the suet has hardened, use the string on the outside of the pot to hang up your container.

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