



WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT

holly



Holly once was used to deter bad spirits and witches as the prickly leaves were seen to ward away evil. It's evergreen nature gave hope for new life in the spring as even in the toughest of winters, holly will remain green and full of berries.

robin



When you see a robin's red-breast you probably noticed it is actually orange. This is because the colour 'orange' didn't exist until the fruit 'orange' was imported to England in the 16th century.

squirrel

Did you know? Squirrels can find food buried beneath a foot of snow! They can smell their own scent (or another squirrels scent) to find their buried treasure. Their front teeth also never stop growing!



mistletoe



Mistletoe grows in the branches of trees and is not generally found in a woodland setting. You're more likely to find it in gardens, orchards, parkland and even churchyards.

fir tree



Fir trees needles have a waxy coating that retains more water than a regular leaf. This helps them survive during harsh winters. As their needles don't shed in the autumn they can capture sunlight for nearly the entire year.

pine cone

Which type of tree is your pine cone from? Pine cones keep pine tree seeds safe as they can close their scales in wind and cold until the warmer weather arrives.



lights



Thomas Edison invented strands of christmas lights in 1880. Before then people used candles on trees which was dangerous and caused many fires.

wreath



For many Christians a wreath's circular shape represents eternity, for it has no beginning and no end. From a Christian religious perspective, it represents an unending circle of life. The evergreen foliage, most frequently used in making wreaths, symbolizes growth and everlasting life.

woolly hat



The pom-pom hat's origins can be traced back to Scandinavia. The Viking god Freyr is depicted wearing a hat or helmet with a pom-pom on it.

puddles

Puddles usually come from rainfall and evaporate when the weather is dryer. Did you know it rains on other planets? If you head to Saturn you will see the 'rain' made of diamonds.

