Magic Snowflake Art

Supplies:
- Watercolour paint & brush kit
- Watercolour paper
- White crayon
- Table salt

Instructions:
1. Cut your watercolour paper into 4 pieces (8 pieces total).
2. Place your paper on a sheet pan or other wipeable surface to reduce mess.
3. Use your white crayon to draw snowflakes on the watercolour paper (these will be hard to see but don’t worry!)
4. Use your brush to add a few drops of water to the paint colours you want to use.
5. Brush the paint over the crayon snowflakes and watch them appear!
6. Continue to colour the rest of the paper. (It’s okay if it curls at the edge, it will flatten back down as it dries.)
7. While the paper is still wet, sprinkle a tiny bit of salt over top, a few grains at a time.
   - If the salt does not stick, simply re-wet the paper with a little paint and try again.
8. The salt will begin to pull in the paint around it, creating frosty little circles.
9. Once your picture is dry, brush the salt away and share your art with your family & friends!

Prompts:
1. Encourage kids to try different shapes/images from their favourite winter activities such as Snowmen or Sleds.
2. Try using different types of salt. Ask: what differences do you see?
3. Ask kids to describe how they think the salt is creating new circles on the paint.
   a. In this art experiment the salt is absorbing the water.
   b. Comparison: Try asking kids how they feel after eating a lot of salt in a snack like chips. After eating a lot of salt we feel thirsty because the salt in the snack is absorbing the water in our bodies.
4. For more interesting science facts about salt check out: https://wonderopolis.org/wonders?category=&subcategory=&order_by=&q=salt