



Nursery – Spring Week 2

Animals in Polar Regions

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00am	Online lesson	<p>Topic: Polar region (cold lands) Talk about animals that live in the polar regions (cold lands) such as: reindeers, husky dogs, and penguins.</p> <p>Literacy Focus book: Read the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.</p> <p>Use story props / puppets made out of junk recycled resources such as a cardboard tube.</p> <p>Literacy activity: Retell the story of 'Lost and Found' using the story character cut out pictures.</p>	<p>Literacy Focus book: Read 'The Emperor's Egg' by Martin Jenkins.</p> <p>Recall facts about penguins. Penguins live in the south pole – Antarctica. Show where Antarctica is on a globe. The mother penguin lays the egg; the father looks after the egg for 2 months.</p> <p>Penguin information video: Penguins for Kids: Interesting Facts - Different Types of Penguins for Children - YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJB-dKTAQM</p>	<p>Literacy Focus book: Read 'Ice Bear' by Nicola Davies. Recall facts about polar bears.</p> <p>Polar bear facts: Polar bears live on the snow and ice of the Arctic Circle which is in the northern hemisphere. The North Pole is at the top of the earth/world/globe. It is freezing cold and very icy in the Arctic.</p> <p>Polar bears have black skin and although their fur appears white, it is actually transparent.</p> <p>The polar bear is the largest meat eating animal that lives on land. It is the largest species of bear.</p> <p>Find out about polar bears from a video clip.</p> <p>National Geographic video – Amazing Animals: Polar bears https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdCaBF8NJ00</p> <p>Polar bear video: Polar Bears!!! Animals of the Ice (Great Educational Video) - YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcnOtw_12us</p>	<p>Topic: Polar region (cold lands) Find out about the Arctic polar region. Show where the Arctic is on a globe. The Arctic is home to lots of wonderful wildlife, including polar bears, Arctic foxes, walruses, seals and whales!</p> <p>Find out about the Arctic from a video clip.</p> <p>Scholastic video: A Walk in the Arctic for Kids Educational Video for Early Learners - YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-9xDztBhzE</p> <p>Play guess the animal: Describe an animal by talking about its features. Such as 'I am thinking of an animal...It has white fur. What am I?'</p>	<p>Topic: Polar region (cold lands) Investigate polar region animals and their habitats in books and small world toys. Look closely at similarities, differences. Explore colour, pattern and camouflage of animal's skin or fur.</p> <p>Talk about the different features of animals that live in cold lands. Ask questions such as how do polar animals keep warm? Fur to keep them warm.</p> <p>What do polar animals eat? Discuss food chains – Orca (Killer Whale), Seal, Penguin, Fish, Krill.</p> <p>Find out about walruses from a video clip.</p> <p>National Geographic video – Amazing Animals: Walruses https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r35i6WFbPa0</p>

	<p>Phonics Activity</p>	<p>Phase 1 Letters and Sounds, Aspect 1: General sound discrimination – environmental sounds.</p> <p>Listen to the sounds around you. What can you hear?</p> <p>Phase 1 Letters and Sounds, Aspect 4: Rhythm and rhyme.</p> <p>Listen to words that rhyme. Talk about words that rhyme. Recognise rhythm in spoken words.</p> <p>Sing: <i>'Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream, merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream.'</i></p>	<p>Phase 1 Letters and Sounds, Aspect 4: Rhythm and rhyme.</p> <p>Listen to and talk about words that rhyme. Recognise rhythm in spoken words.</p> <p>The penguin song: <i>'Their suits are black and their vests are white, They waddle to the left and they waddle to the right, They stand on the ice and they look very neat, As they waddle along on their little flat feet.'</i></p> <p>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oS0hT5DUuWU</p> <p>Penguin rhyme sung to "I'm a little teapot" tune.</p> <p><i>I'm a little penguin, Black and white. Short and wobbly, An adorable sight. I can't fly at all, but I love to swim. So I'll waddle to the water, And dive right in!</i></p>	<p>Phase 1 Letters and Sounds, Aspect 5: Alliteration.</p> <p>Hear and say the initial sound/letter in words – p (polar bear, penguin).</p> <p>Can you find anything in your house that begins with the sound 'p'?</p>	<p>Phase 1 Letters and Sounds, Aspect 5: Alliteration.</p> <p>Hear and say the initial sound/letter in words – s (seal, sea lion).</p> <p>Can you find anything in your house that begins with the sound 's'?</p>	<p>Phase 1 Letters and Sounds, Aspect 5: Alliteration.</p> <p>Hear and say the initial sound/letter in words – w (walrus, whale).</p> <p>Can you find anything in your house that begins with the sound 'w'?</p> <p>Phase 1 Letters and Sounds, Aspect 4: Rhythm and rhyme.</p> <p>Listen to words that rhyme: <i>'Snail, whale.'</i></p> <p>Show objects or picture cards.</p> <p>Read 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson.</p>
	<p>Creative activity</p>	<p>Draw a picture of the boy and the penguin in the story.</p> <p>Make a rowing boat out of a box. Act out the story of 'Lost and Found' with your family.</p> 	<p>Draw or paint pictures of penguins using lines and circles.</p> <p>Make a model penguin use a cardboard tube or a paper plate. Use coloured paper or paint. Add 2 wings, 2 feet, 2 eyes and a beak.</p>	<p>Draw or paint pictures of polar bears using lines and circles.</p> <p>Baking: Make a polar bear white iced cupcake.</p>	<p>Polar region role play activity: Make a den to pretend it is an igloo. Use a sheet or blankets. What equipment would an explorer need to take to the Arctic or Antarctic? Engage in imaginative role play – explorers and polar animals.</p>	<p>Create a polar region collage: Use anything that you have in your house to make your picture, such as white polystyrene, magazines, old wrapping paper, tissue paper, etc.</p> <p>You could use an old shoe box to make a polar region story box.</p>

Make the story characters out of junk tubes and cartons or boxes.



Make a banana penguin treat.
See the recipe below.



Draw a polar region setting.
Draw the freezing cold blue ocean and some white ice bergs.
Think of some animals that live on the ice and draw them.
Tell your adult about the picture.



Other subjects

Animal small world play:
Play with plastic, wooden or cuddly toy animals.
Use size language during the child's play such as big/ large, medium/middle sized and little/small.



Drama activity:
Make animal sounds and movements.
Experiment with different types of moving. (e.g. waddling penguins, plodding polar bears, etc.)

Yoga:
Cosmic Kids Yoga – Pedro the penguin
www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSZvMHlw9vs
Cosmic Kids Yoga – Pedro the penguin goes to the fun fair
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rzw-Oir8UPw

Size:
Talk about animal sizes when looking at animal pictures.
Use size language such as short/tall; relate to the size of a penguin.
Discuss sizes of penguins.
Compare the Emperor penguin (1.2m) to the height of a child.

Yoga:
Cosmic Kids Yoga – Joybob the polar bear
www.youtube.com/watch?v=DP9jd1Ug2y4
Number:
Guess how many steps it will take to get to a sleeping cuddly teddy / polar bear, and then **count** how many steps to reach the sleeping 'polar bear'.

Size:
Talk about animal sizes when looking at animal pictures in information books or stories.
Use size language such as short/tall, long/short; relate to animal sizes, e.g. compare the size of a polar bear.

Adult polar bears can measure over 2.5m. Do you have a tape measure? Lay it out on the floor so that your child can see how big a polar bear can be!

Physical development:
Cbeebies Andy's Wild Workouts: Arctic Animals
[Cbeebies | Andy's Wild Workouts | Arctic - YouTube](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9VhwM7xDNI)
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Science - Snow:
If you see snow falling collect snowflakes on pieces of black or dark paper.

Science:
Explore changes such as melting ice cubes or even snow!



Size:
Talk about animal sizes when looking at animal pictures in information books or stories.

Use size language such as short/tall, long/short; relate to animal sizes, e.g. compare the lengths of whales using pictures or toys.



Penguin stories:

Story 'Little Penguin Learns to Swim'

[Little Penguin Learns to Swim Kids Story Read Aloud A Short Bedtime Story - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9dXoz9z4R0)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9dXoz9z4R0>

Story 'Little Lost Penguin'

[LITTLE LOST PENGUIN : Fluffy penguin adventure book / family and friends adventure book - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLyEFgSHPWY)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLyEFgSHPWY>

Story 'If You Were a Penguin'.

[If You Were a Penguin - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWJyhblodeE)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWJyhblodeE>

Polar bear stories:

Story 'A Polar Bear in the Snow'

[A Polar Bear in the Snow read aloud - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uv21na0lekk)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uv21na0lekk>

Story 'Little Polar Bear' by Hans de Beer.

[Little Polar Bear picturebook readaloud! Well crafted children's book - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CAIwd_Uemqs)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CAIwd_Uemqs

Story 'The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud' by

[The Polar Bear And The Snow Cloud Read Aloud Story - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NbfcsC3LvPg)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NbfcsC3LvPg>

1.00pm

Online story time

Story time: 'Little Penguin and friends'
 'Penguin Small' by Mick Inkpen.
 'Penguin' by Polly Dunbar.
 'Little Penguin and the Big Storm' by Justine Smith.
 'One Little Penguin and His Friends'
 'Cuddly Dudley' by Jez Alborough.
 'Worried Arthur - The Birthday Party' by Joan Stimson.



Banana penguins

These lovely little banana penguins are fun and easy to make! Get the children involved and watch them devour their treats afterwards. You can talk about the **shapes** that you are using such as **circle** eyes and **triangle** beak.

Ingredients to make 8 penguins:

100 g cooking chocolate, broken into small pieces.

4 bananas

Some orange sweets (such as Smarties or Jelly Tots) or dried apricots or sultanas cut into pieces

A few white mini marshmallows

Method

1. Gently melt the chocolate in a microwave or in a double boiler and melt slowly, stirring occasionally.
2. Peel and cut the bananas in half. (A child can use a table knife to cut the banana.)
3. Dip each half in the melted chocolate. Leave the front parts uncoated. Allow to dry for 5 minutes, then dip again.
4. Dip a few of the sweets or a sultana/apricot in the chocolate and press them firmly on the bananas to make the penguins' feet. Attach half a sweet or a triangle shaped piece of apricot/sultana for the beak.
5. Slice the mini marshmallows into circles to make the eyes. Attach with melted chocolate. Dot with a melted drop of chocolate to make the pupils on the white marshmallow eyes.
6. Wait until the chocolate has set on the penguins before serving.