



Geography Focus	Poles Apart	Class 1 and 2	Spring Term 1 Cycle1
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Key Facts

An Igloo is a shelter made from blocks of snow and shaped like a dome.

Artic comes from the Greek word meaning 'bear'

The Northern Lights (aurora Borealis) appear in a clear night sky in the Artic as swirling rivers of greenish-blue light.

Key Knowledge

The polar regions are two snowy places at the top and the bottom of the earth. They are called the Arctic (North Pole) and Antarctica (South Pole). The hottest part of the Earth is called the Equator and this is in the middle.

There are seven continents of the world:

Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australia.

Some people live in the Arctic, such as the Inuit people and some people visit and live in the Antarctic.

It is very cold, people need to wear thick warm clothing, which is sometimes made from animal fur. They live in houses and can sometimes build houses called igloos using blocks of ice.

Animals: Polar Bears, penguins Arctic Hares, Arctic Foxes, Snowy Owls and Reindeer are some of the animals that live in the Arctic.

It can be dark for months at a time in the Arctic. Sometimes, it can be lights for 24 hours too!

Interesting Facts:

How do people travel in the Polar lands?

As the land is covered in snow and ice for much of the year, some people use sledges pulled by husky dogs to travel around. However, snowmobiles are being used more nowadays as they can be faster.

What animals live in the Poles?

There are lots of animals in the polar regions and they have very thick fur so they don't get cold. Many of them have a layer of blubber underneath their fur to keep them warm too. Some of the animals are white in colour so that they are camouflaged against the snow.

Did you know...

Polar Bears and penguins do not live in the same pole. Polar bears live in the North Pole (Arctic) and penguins live in the South Pole (Antarctic)

What? (Tier 3 - key vocab)

North Pole- the point on the surface of the earth that is furthest north

South Pole – the point on the surface of the earth that is furthest south

Arctic- the regions around the North Pole

Weather Forecast- a description, for example on the radio or television, of what the weather will be like tomorrow or for the next few days

Travel Agent- a person who makes travel arrangements for people for example buying tickets or arranging hotel rooms

Inuit – people who live in the Arctic

Diagrams and Symbols

