## Spring 1: Can polar bears and penguins be friends?

## **Key Vocabulary**

Arctic Antarctic Polar Penguins Polar bears
Reindeers Snow Ice Frost Fur Feathers Blubber
Snowflake Igloo North Pole South Pole Melt
Freeze Frozen Icicle Tundra Camouflage Krill

Seasons December January February Winter



Prior Knowledge	What's Next?
Explore and respond to different natural	Year 1 – Our School (Geography)
phenomena in the setting and on trips.	Year 1 – The UK (Geography)
Know that there are different countries in the	
world and talk about the differences they have	
experienced or seen in photos.	

Key knowledge I need to understand	Key Questions	
<ol> <li>Some environments are</li> </ol>	What is it like to live where you do?	
different from the one in	Where do penguins and polar bears live?	
which they live.	What is the Arctic/Antarctic like?	
2. That there are some	What is the weather like in Britain in Winter?	
similarities and differences	Is Winter here the same as in Antarctica?	
between life in this country	How do animals and humans keep warm in Winter?	
and life in other countries.	How do penguins and polar bears survive in cold places?	
3. That maps can tell us about	How do Inuit communities live?	
places.	What does this map show me?	
How will I show what I have learned?		

I can talk about polar places, knowing that they are far away.

I can describe how polar places are similar to, and different from, where I live.

I can talk about how some animals, plants and humans survive in polar places.

I can say what a simple map shows me.

Launch	Boost	Destination
Penguin parcel – Where is it from? What does it need? Who will be its friend?	Visit to the Sealife Centre.	Large collage of a penguin.

Learning experiences to include:		
Communication and language Use story language and props to re-enact and retell Learn actions to accompany storytelling Hot seating Explorer role play Learn and sing songs Learn Winter nursery rhymes e.g. I'm a little penguin / Snowflake, Snowflake / The North Wind Doth Blow	Literacy Draw story maps (Penguin Small's journey) and real maps and label Label animals' body parts Fact writing	
Mathematics Measures – distances, compare animal heights. Which type of penguin are you as tall as?	Understanding the World Use atlases, maps and Google Earth to explore places Explore ice: make ice eggs, how to keep ice frozen, add materials to ice Make fake snow Find out about the penguin life cycle (Oddizzi and National Geographic websites) and compare it to human life cycle – are we born from eggs? Learn about the Inuit, compare our lives to theirs	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development Consider feelings through stories (e.g. Penguin Small was too scared to fly) Find out about how penguins look after their babies, compare it to how humans care for each other	Expressive Arts & Design Use different techniques and materials to make textures Make winter scene picture: colour mixing, splatter paint, sponge, cotton wool Cutting out snowflakes Junk modelling: make igloos Role play penguins Role play winter: dressing in correct clothing Use instruments to make wintery sounds	

## **Physical Development**

Follow paths using maps, create obstacle courses to travel to the North/South Pole Throw 'snowballs' at targets

Move like a penguin/polar bears whilst travelling around equipment