

Creative Home Learning Ideas

Frozen Kingdom



Welcome to the new building! We hope you have settled in quickly and are looking forward to an exciting new term.

In this half-term, we are moving on to a topic that visits the planet's coldest lands and all that they offer! This geography-based topic will also embrace the history of polar exploration, science, art and much more. In English, we will link our learning by using the journey of Sir Ernest Shackleton and his crew on the *Endurance* (1914-1916).

Below are some ideas for home learning based around our new topic. There are great opportunities here for children to share research and writing; or to be creative and artistic with models and pictures. Please read the ideas with your child and let them choose which activities they would like to complete at home with you or on their own over the coming weeks. We would like all children to complete one or more of the activities. The exact date that work should be handed in on is to be confirmed, but please work on the assumption that it will be around, or in the weeks before, **Monday 14th February**.

- Imagine that Earth has entered another Ice Age. Write a diary-style piece describing the changes and how the human race has adapted to cope.
- Find out what natural resources and raw materials are reaped from the Arctic. What impact does this have on the environment?
- Use a range of snowy images to create a polar collage. Remember to use lots of interesting textures, shapes, colours and patterns.
- Make *iced jewels*. Mix powder paints and dyes into water, in an array of colours. Pour into an ice cube tray before freezing overnight. Pop the cubes out and explore your iced jewels. What happens if you sprinkle salt on the cubes? Record your experiment with diagrams and photos.
- Create your own Arctic and Antarctic word search puzzles using all the new words you have learned during the project. Bring it in for someone to solve it!
- Make a model of your favourite Arctic animal using clay, dough or recycled materials. Bring it into school and explain how you made it.
- Create a poster or brochure for a new travel company which arranges visits to the Arctic or Antarctic. Use powerful images and text to tempt customers who want an extra-special trip!
- Design a pair of snow boots for an Arctic explorer. What materials would you use? What features could they have? Let your imagination run wild!
- Imagine a common domestic animal became an inhabitant of the Arctic or Antarctic. How would it have to adapt to survive there? Longer, thicker hair? What else? Rename your common animal with a more exciting 'polar' name.

These activities are intended to be fun and to provide inspiration to build on learning from school. Other ideas are welcome too! Please just ask any of the Year 6 team if you have any queries.