

Subject	Year	Term
Geography	8	Summer term 2
Tonic		

Perishing Places

Content + skills (Intent)

Prior Learning (Topic)

KS1/2 Naming Oceans and Continents

Weather patterns at the equator and poles

Using atlases and globes, lines of latitude, Antarctic and Arctic circle

Physical Geography Climate zones

KS3 @ Balcarras Pole to Pole topic, investigating places physical and human geography

Adventure landscapes, the formation of landscapes and their uses

Through this topic students will develop contextual knowledge of Cold Environments, their characteristics, and their fragility and the range of risks

that they are threatened by, plus a consideration of strategies to manage and preserve this Ecosystem.

An Introduction to cold environments (Arctic and Antarctica), characteristics and adaptations of animals

A history of Antarctica and a look at modern uses of Antarctica, the Antarctic Treaty

The future of Antarctica including looking at the threats it faces

Future Learning (Topic)

KS3 @ Balcarras Coasts on the edge, looking at processes and human use of landscapes

Ecosystems looking at global Biomes, adaptations of animals

Paradise lost, tourism and impact of tourism

KS4 @ Balcarras Physical landscapes in the UK, Glacial environments

The Living World Cold Environments

KS5 @ Balcarras Carbon and Water Cycle

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How will knowledge and skills be taught?	How will your understanding be assessed &	
(Implementation)	recorded (Impact)	
An Introduction to the differences and similarities between the Arctic	Marks for homework tasks	
and Antarctica. The climate and the adaptations of animals to these	Marking of classwork	
conditions.	Contribution to the debate	
A look at the history of exploration in Antarctica, the Antarctic Treaty		
and its implementation.		
A debate on mining in Antarctica and then a look at the threats		
Antarctica faces and the future of this place.		

How can parents help at home?

Support with homework's or use of preparation for the debate. Watching documentaries about either the Antarctic or Arctic regions. There are several websites with information on

https://discoveringantarctica.org.uk/introducing-antarctica/ General facts on Antarctica

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z438cqt animal adaptations to Antarctica

https://www.rmg.co.uk/stories/topics/race-south-pole-scott-amundsen info about Captain Scott

https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/antarctica/ An overview of the continent

https://www.bas.ac.uk/science/science-and-society/education/antarctic-factsheet-geographical-statistics/
The British Antarctic Survey are the group who run scientific research in Antarctica.

https://www.antarcticglaciers.org/antarctica-2/introductory-antarctic-resources/ten-antarctic-facts/ The science behind the ice

https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/destination/arctic arctic travel stories

https://coolantarctica.com/Travel/arctic-travel.php lots of facts on cold environments

Conversation Starters:

Why is it so cold in Antarctica? How can animals or people cope?

Who was Captain Scott or Edward Wilson?

What do scientists do in Antarctica?

Does anyone own Antarctica? What is the Antarctic Treaty?

What should we do with Antarctica in the future?

Helpful further reading/discussion

Reading

Philip Pulmans the Northern Lights

Black Ice by Matt Dickinson

Shackleton's Journey by William Grill

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance by Jennifer Armstrong

DK Eyewitness Books: Arctic and Antarctic by Barbara Taylor

Race to the Pole, Ranulph Fiennes

ENDURANCE: SHACKLETON'S INCREDIBLE VOYAGE by Alfred Lansing

LAST MAN OFF: A TRUE STORY OF DISASTER AND SURVIVAL ON THE

ANTARCTIC SEAS by Matt Lewis

THE WORST JOURNEY IN THE WORLD by Apsley Cherry-Garrard

ANTARCTICA: A NOVEL by Kim Stanley Robinson

ALONE IN ANTARCTICA by Felicity Aston

LEAN FALL STAND by Jon McGregor

RACE TO THE POLE: CONQUERING ANTARCTICA IN THE WORLD'S TOUGHEST ENDURANCE RACE by Ben Fogle and James Cracknell

THE BIRTHDAY BOYS by Beryl Bainbridge

Vocabulary Lists

Antarctica
Arctic
Adaptation
Latitude
Climate
Antarctic Treaty
Expedition
Wilderness
Fragile
Protection
Scientific research
Climate change

Glacier Sea level rise

Careers Links

Jobs linked to this lesson include; research scientists

https://www.bas.ac.uk/jobs/vacancies/

General advice on how to get jobs in Antarctica

http://antarctica.kulgun.net/Jobs/

Do you want to lead expeditions in

https://secretcompass.com/how-to-be-expedition-leader/

What about running a marathon in Antarctica?

https://www.icemarathon.com/