



Year 1 Parent Planner – Spring 2026



The Black
Pear Trust

KNOW MORE

Vital vocabulary

Globe, Antarctica, winter, human and physical features, poles, north, south, continent, seasons, and weather.

Materials, melting, properties, describe, smooth, bendy, waterproof and thermometer.

REMEMBER MORE

Quality questions

- What would it be like to visit the poles?
- Which animals live in the north and south pole?
- What happens to materials when they are heated and cooled?
- What is the difference between human and physical features?

EXPERIENCE MORE

Marvellous memories

- Enjoy stories about the poles
- Enjoy the seasonal changes outside
- Create a winter animal collage
- Pretend to be a weather presenter
- Make a weather diary or log

People and places

Find out about...

- Antarctica
- Worcester
- Megan Coyle (collage artist)
- Jewish people

Reliable reading

- Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers
- The Storm Whale by Benji Davies
- Poles Apart by Jeanne Willis & Jarvis
- The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins
- Jack Frost by Kazuno Kohara
- Be Brave Little Penguin by Giles Andrea

Rewarding research

- Research Antarctica and other cold places
- Research animals that live in cold places

Useful websites:

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.google.co.uk/maps

This terms theme:

Around The World



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As Geographers this term:

- Find out about the differences between the North and South Pole
- Discover if Penguins and Polar Bears can really meet?
- Compare Antarctica to the UK
- Locate the poles on a map

As Mathematicians this term:

- Investigating measure including length, height, mass/weight, capacity and time
- Explore addition and subtraction within 10
- Partition numbers using a part-part-whole model
- Counting to and from 100

In PE this term:

Become skilled in different movements including running, jumping, throwing, catching as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination within multi-skill lessons.

As Artists this term:

- Use different materials to collage
- Understand that collages materials are groups in colour, shape and textures to form an image
- Discover Megan Coyle and the art that she created
- Collage pictures of Antarctica

As Writers this term:

- Be descriptive writers (using adjectives to describe characters and settings)
- Write simple narratives
- Write character descriptions
- Write animal fact-files

As Scientists this term:

- Investigate objects and identify the different materials they are made from
- Identify and name a variety of materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock
- Describe the properties of a variety of everyday materials

As Readers this term:

We will be reading:

- Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers
- Be Brave Little Penguin—Giles Andrae
- Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers
- Traditional tale of The Ginger Bread Man