

## Poles Apart Topic Activities Year 2 Autumn 2

<p>Can you keep a weather diary for a week and compare it to the weather in Antarctica?</p>	<p>Try to build a raft to float on water. What different materials could you use?</p>	<p>Write a diary for a day in the life of a polar explorer.</p>	<p>Create a painting or collage of a polar animal.</p>
<p>Write a poem about a penguin, seal or whale.</p>	<p>Draw a portrait of you as an explorer. Which animals would you have in the picture with you?</p>	<p>Become an Arctic scientist. Place pieces of ice in a dish around your house. Predict which order they will melt in. Remember to time how long it takes for them to melt. How will you record your experiment?</p>	<p>Can you find a book at home with a penguin, polar bear or whale in it? Design a new front cover for the book.</p>
<p>Create Top Trumps for polar animals. You could include: size, weight, diet, special features.</p>	<p>Find out about a polar explorer. Make a fact file about them. You could try typing some facts onto Google Docs or Microsoft Word, practising your keyboard skills.</p>		<p>What facts can you find about the continent Antarctica?</p>
<p>Use Google Earth to explore each of the poles. Try zooming in to find out more. Try zooming out to show the size of each area.</p>		<p>Can you find a webcam for the South Pole and for somewhere in the Arctic Circle? What is the weather like? What can you see in the area? How does it compare with home? Look again on a different day and see if there are any changes.</p>	