



# Polar Explorers - Year 2



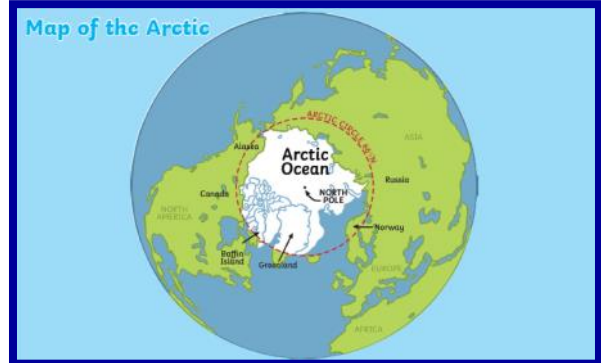
## Key questions

- Where are the North and South Poles? What are these places like?
- How has life adapted to these environments?
- How are the lives of children living in the North Pole different to our lives?
- Why would people want to explore these places?
- What happened when explorers went to the South Pole?
- What was it like when humans explored places in the past?
- What is the climate like in the Poles?
- How is our world changing and why?
- Why might people want to visit Churchill in Canada?
- How can we share our knowledge of the Poles?

## Prior Learning

Reception: You learnt about journeys and the wider world.  
Year 1: You learnt about the local area; North Shields, the fish quay and four countries of the UK, as well as important women from history

Map of the Arctic



Map of Antarctica



## Key Vocabulary to Learn

**20th Century** - the period of time between January 1, 1901 and December 31, 2000

**Arctic** - the land, sea and regions around the North Pole

**Antarctic** - the land and region around the South Pole

**North and South Pole** - the most northern and southern points of the Earth and the end of the axis of rotation that causes the Earth to turn and complete the length of a day

**Robert Scott** - a British explorer who led two expeditions to the Antarctic in the early 20th Century

**Roald Amundsen** - a Norwegian explorer of the polar regions in the early 20th Century

**Ernest Shackleton** - an Irish Antarctic explorer who led three British expeditions to the Antarctic.

**Ibn Battuta** - a Maghrebi traveller, explorer and scholar.

**Explorer** - a person who travels to new or unfamiliar areas to see what is there

**Degrees Celsius** - the units used to measure temperature. 0°C is the temperature at which water freezes

**Glacier** - a slowly moving mass or river of ice

**Iceberg** - a large floating mass of ice detached from a glacier or ice sheet and carried out to sea.

## Key dates

1325 - Ibn Battuta sets off on his first of many journeys.

15th June 1910 - Captain Robert Falcon Scott's ship Terra Nova sets sail for the South Pole.

18th October 1911 - Roald Amundsen's team leave their base camp to trek to the South Pole

1st November 1911 - Captain Robert Falcon Scott's team leave their base camp to trek to the South Pole.

14th December 1911 - Roald Amundsen's team reaches the South Pole

17th January 1912 - Captain Robert Falcon Scott's team reaches the South Pole, after Roald Amundsen's team.

29th March 1912 - The date of the last entry in Captain Robert Falcon Scott's diary.

August 1914 - Ernest Shackleton's ship, Endurance, sets sail for the South Pole.

December 1914 - Endurance reaches the South Pole

February 1915 - Endurance gets stuck in the ice whilst trying to cross the South Pole and so begins a miraculous story of survival.

