

Did you know?



- Winter is the coldest season of the year.
- Most plants and trees stop growing in the winter.
- Some creatures hibernate when the weather gets colder. This means that they go to sleep until the weather gets warmer.



Fun Facts

- Polar bears can swim for days at a time to get from one piece of ice to another. They often swim for about 30 miles at a time and in one case for up to 220 miles!
- A hailstone as big as a football fell in Argentina in 2018!
- Every snowflake is different and all snowflakes have 6 points.
- Some animals change colour in winter like the arctic fox which changes from brown or grey in the summer to white in the winter.



Stories & Rhymes to Learn

The North Wind Doth Blow

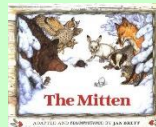


5 Little Snowmen

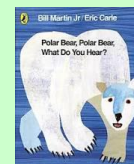


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrfCD9wjLUE>

The Mitten – Jan Brett



Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you Hear? – Bill Martin Jr & Eric Carle



Vocabulary

Winter	The time of the year when the weather is coldest
Polar regions	The places at the very top and bottom of the earth
Ice	Frozen water
Snow	Soft, white flakes of ice crystals that fall from the sky to the earth.
Hailstones	Round pieces of frozen rain
Freezing	Changing things from a liquid to something hard by making them very, very cold
Melting	Changing things from something hard to a liquid by making them warmer
Habitat	The home of an animal or plant. Different animals and plants live in different kinds of habitats.
Hibernation	To sleep through the winter in a den or burrow to save energy
Temperature	How hot or cold something is.

Home Learning conversations

Talk to an adult in your family

- What do you like to do in the cold weather?
- Would you like to live in the North or South poles? Why or why not?

Other things you might like to try

- Go on a winter walk. What can you see and hear. What clothes do you need to wear?
- Draw a picture or collage of the things you would take with you on a winter holiday and label it.
- Make a winter bird feeder
<https://community.rspb.org.uk/ourwork/b/natureshomemagazine/posts/3-easy-homemade-bird-feeders>
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/games-and-activities/activities/assemble-an-apple-bird-feeder/>