

Arctic Tale



Suitable for:

KS1/2 Literacy, Geography, Science, Environmental Studies, P.S.H.E. and Citizenship

Film details:

U – Contains mild scenes of threat involving animals, Running time 86 mins

Polar bear cub, Nanu, and walrus pup, Seela, have been born in a time when they will face not only extreme natural conditions, but also the threat of a changing climate. In this documentary we see their different icebound existences and the adventures they find themselves in.

Official website: www.arctictalemovie.co.uk/intl/uk/

Habitats

Science

Arctic Tale focuses on two different species, Polar bears and walrus. Ask the children to choose one of the two animals and research their appearance, behaviour and the extreme conditions they live in. Children can write a species profile or non-chronological report.

Arctic Poetry

Literacy

Ask the children to write and perform a poem about their chosen species. Collect nouns and adjectives that describe their creature's appearance and powerful verbs and adverbs that describe their behaviour. Think of metaphors or similes that will help paint a mental picture of the animal and the extreme conditions they live in. Discuss the effect of repetition, alliteration, onomatopoeia, rhythm and rhyme. How can they be used?

When children have written their poem ask them to practise reading it out loud considering volume, pace, tone, expression and movement. Groups could use percussion instruments to make music and sound effects to represent the harsh conditions of the Arctic. What does performance add to the poetry for the reader and listener?

Take Action

Literacy / Geography / P.S.H.E. and Citizenship

Use the internet to research global warming and consider persuasive language used in various environmental campaigns. Ask children to create a campaign (posters, pamphlets etc.) about global warming to inform people of the issues and persuade them to act.

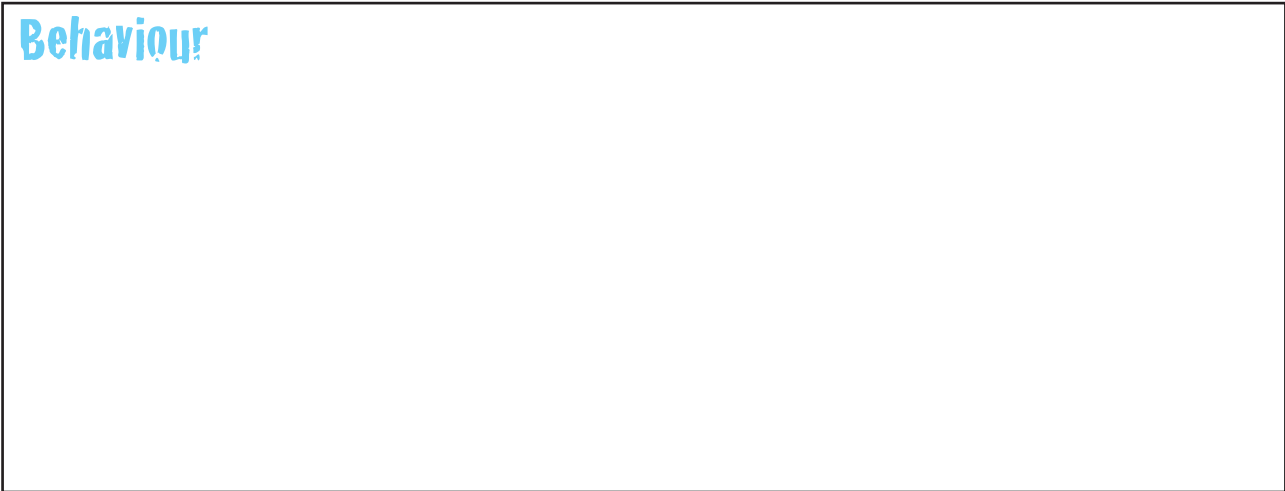
Species Profile

Name of Species:

Appearance



Behaviour



Habitat



Poem

A large, hand-drawn style frame containing 15 horizontal dotted lines for writing a poem.



Campaign Poster

