**Geography week 4**

**What is it like in the Arctic?**

**Objectives -**

To explore the Arctic Circle.

To know where the Arctic Circle is.

To know some countries that are in the Arctic Circle

Remind that last week we were finding out about Antarctica. This week we are going to explore another freezing place.

Get your hats, scarves and gloves ready for a chilly adventure.

**Use the Let’s go the Arctic slide 1 PDF**

• Show children images of people who live in the Arctic. Where in the world would these people live? • Reveal the answer, the Arctic. Do you know where the Arctic is?

• Show children a world globe and use it to help explain where the Arctic Circle is and that our world is a sphere. Use the slides to show the world as a globe to help children visualise the sphere shape.

• Explain that some countries’ northern areas are in the Arctic Circle. Reveal the seven main countries that feature in the Arctic Circle (only the northern parts of each country are in the Arctic Circle). Alaska (U.S.A), Canada, Greenland, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Russia.

TEACHER NOTE: Research states that the northern island off the coast of Iceland is the only part in the Arctic Circle so Iceland is not usually classed as a country part of the Arctic. Some research states it is and some doesn’t.

• Ask children to discuss what the cities and towns might look like in these countries in the Arctic. • Show images of Arctic towns found in each country and the countries’ flags. Ask children to discuss what they can see.

Complete Arctic Circle map work – there are 3 different levels to use-

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 Middle ability: Provide children with Arctic Circle Map and worksheet 1B. The map shows the names and flags of the Arctic Circle countries. Invite children to cut out the names, pictures and flags from the worksheet and match them. They can then glue them down on a separate piece of paper.

Plenary - Show the last slide which has the Arctic Circle country names with missing letters. Ask children to fill in the missing names. Search for some of the countries using Google Earth on an ipad or laptop if you have one.

Ask - How is the Arctic different/ similar to the Antarctic?