



Polar Explorers - Year 2



Key questions

Where are the North and South Poles? What are these places like? How are they different to where we live? Why would people want to explore these places? What are the names of the explorers linked to the North and South Poles? How have animals adapted to these environments? How have people adapted to these environments? How could we be better explorers in the future?

Key dates

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.

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.

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.

