

## Polar Bear Project IDL wb 25.01.21.

*Early/First level*

This week we look at Arctic explorers and survival in the Arctic, the history of the Arctic and tourism.

### Activity 1 – History of the Arctic

Look at this timeline of some of the history of the Arctic and answer the questions underneath.

**2500BC** We know of the earliest people of the Arctic Circle because of tools found from this time, such as sewing needles made from walrus bone.



**1300AD** The Inuit (the present day Arctic inhabitants) settled in Greenland. Now they have migrated all over the Arctic Circle.

**1909** A group led by Robert Peary claimed to be the first people to have reached the North Pole.



**1950** People began to emigrate to the Arctic Circle from other countries, to dig for natural resources, such as oil, metals and diamonds.

**1958** A submarine, the USS Nautilus, sailed under the frozen ice of the North Pole, proving that there was no land underneath the North Pole.

## Questions:

1. What were the sewing needles made of?
2. What country was where the first Inuits settled?
3. What year did Robert Peary lead the first successful expedition to the North Pole?
4. What might you find if you dug under the Arctic?
5. What was the name of the submarine that sailed under the North Pole?

## **Activity 2 – Arctic Explorers**

Watch this story about the first people to reach the North Pole.

[Who Was the First Person to Reach the North Pole? | National Geographic - YouTube](#)

**Your task: Tell the story from one of the explorers' point of view? You can write it, make a comic strip of the story or act it out.**

## **Activity 3 – Survival in the Arctic**

Humans can only survive in the Arctic because they keep themselves warm! Traditional clothing of the people who live in the Arctic is very different to what is worn today by the Arctic people and visitors to the Arctic. Have a look at these pictures.

**Your task is to tell us how the traditional and modern clothes are the same and how they are different. Tell us which you would like to wear and why?**



#### **Activity 4 – Tourism in the Arctic**

Here is a link to some adventures you could have if you went on holiday to the Arctic.

[Join us for an adventure-filled day in the beautiful Arctic nature! Check out our activities! | Activities | Hurtigruten Svalbard](#)

Look at the link and decide, if you won a lottery and could afford any holiday, which would be the best holiday for your family? They could be tours that last a few hours or many days. Choose one of these tasks...

**Task 1 - Draw some of your holiday photos and give them captions.**

Or **Task 2 - Write a review of your holiday. What was good? What was not?!**

Or **Task 3 – pack a suitcase with the things you think you would need on an Arctic holiday and take a photo to show us. If you don't have all the items you need you could draw some on paper and put them in your bag!**

#### **Coming up!**

In the next couple of weeks we will do some map work and see what research is being done in the Arctic. We will also learn about going to school in the Arctic and find out how climate change is affecting the Arctic. We will look at Arctic current affairs, what Frankenstein has to do with the Arctic and... some visitors who travel from the Arctic to Scotland every year!