

Antarctica Week 7	Geography
Starter	Begin by watching the Oak National Academy lesson about Antarctica https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/what-is-antarctica-like/activities/2
Parent	In History we are learning about Ernest Shackleton who explored Antarctica. The children need to understand that although the Arctic and Antarctica are polar regions similar in climate and both have 'poles', but that Antarctica is the only Continent because it is a landmass. There is no permanent population in Antarctica and the only people who live there during the summer months are scientists. It is also important to be aware that polar bears do not live in Antarctica alongside penguins as sometimes shown in story books. Penguins are among some of the animals in Antarctica but they are not found in the Arctic circle. The lesson also speaks about the Antarctica treaty system, the seasons and John Kelly an artist who produced paintings about Antarctica. Although they are asked to draw a picture in the style of Antarctica, it is not necessary as there is other follow up activity as outlined below.
Activities with your child	Please write a sentence, as asked in the video lesson, to add to the Antarctic Treaty which can be written in your extraordinary home learning books. Then select which part of the reading comprehension activity is appropriate for your child. The document on the website has stars on each page of the text and questions but is a complete document. You will need to select whether your child requires the 1 star (pages 1-2), 2 star (pages 4 - 5) or 3 star (pages 7 - 9) and print only these.
Parent	As a summary it would be useful to play the quiz reinforcing the facts from the lesson: https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/what-is-antarctica-like/activities/4/view

