# Question: Why can't a Meerkat live in the North Pole?

National Curriculum Link: Name and locate the world 'seven continents and five oceans. Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns. Use basic geographical terminology. What is a polar region? Compare and contrast.

## **International Baccalaureate Learner Profile Link:**

Researcher: Develop skills as a researcher, discover what a polar region is and make comparisons.

#### Knowledge, Skills and Understanding

G1: Use a map to locate and name the world's seven continents and its five oceans.

Identify the polar regions and Equator on a map or globe. Location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Pole. Describe North Pole using words and pictures.

G2: Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom Explain the main features of hot and cold places and show understanding of wearing different clothes in Winter and Summer.

G3: To name animals that live in the North and South Pole and describe why they are suited to the environment. Ask relevant questions about locality studied.

#### Challenge

Answer questions using a weather chart.

### Previous learning Year 1

	Locational knowledge	Place knowledge	Physical and human Geography	Seographical skills and
				fieldwork
Year I	-Name the four countries of the UK, capital	local area of Kensington and	- Order the months of the	-Use world maps, atlases and
	cities and surrounding seas.	Liverpool, including houses, shops, roads, schools,	year and recognise seasons.	globes to locate the United Kingdom and its countries.
1	-Use a range of maps (world, country, street	playgrounds, etc.	-Identify seasonal and daily	
1	maps, aerial views and plans) to locate places		weather patterns in the	-Use simple fieldwork and
	and landmarks in the UK.  -Begin to know simple features of the countries	<ul> <li>Know the physical features of our local area of Kensington including, Weish hills and</li> </ul>	United Kingdom and know the differences between the seasons	observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds;
1	of the UK.	rivers.	-	
1	51 1116 S13.		-Name a range of weather	-Observe and identify the key
	-Use aerial photographs to recognise and	-Begin to know the differences between town and country	types.	human and physical features of its surrounding environment.
1	describe the basic human and physical features of Liverpool	locations, focusing on the	-Identify the types of clothing	or its surrounding environment.
1	or Liverpool	amount of buildings located	worn in different weather.	-Know what a map shows us
1	-Use a range of maps (country, street maps,	around school and compare	offering explanations about	and explain some basic
1	derial views and online maps) to locate places	with serial photographs of the	how weather can affect	features of maps, e.g. roods
1	and landmarks.	local countryside areas.	people's lives, giving examples	and buildings.
1			both positive and negative.	
1				-Draw a simple sketch map of
1			-Relate weather types to the	the school and local area from
1			seasons and months of the	observations in the outdoor
			year.	environment.
			-Identify the types of	Know and use the terminology
1			weather we have in the United	of left, right, above, below,
			Kingdom and record the daily weather in our area.	next to.
1			weather in our area.	-Plan a simple route around
			-Know how the weather can	the local area using a map and
			affect different jobs.	key vocabulary.
			Use basic geographical	
1			vocabulary to refer to:	
			-beach, cliff, coast, forest,	
			hill, mountain, sea, ocean,	1
			river.	

### New Learning Year 2:

Year 2	-Identify hot and cold places and locate them on	-Understand the human and	-Recognise and describe the	-Identify hot and cold places
1	a map, looking at how they relate to the position	physical geography of the UK	features of hot and cold	and locate these on a world
	of the Equator.	and the local area (from Year	places.	map.
		1).		_
1	-Name and locate the world's seven continents		-Identify the animals that live	-use world maps, atlases and
	and five oceans.	-Locate Mexico on a world	in hot and cold places and	globes to identify the 7
1		map and know that it is a hot	recognise how they adapt.	continents and 5 oceans.
	-Describe where different continents are	place compared to the UK.		
1	located.		-Use the terms: deserts,	-use world maps to locate the
		-Locate the village of Jacuara_	rainforests and polar regions.	continents of the world
	Use a range of maps (country, street maps,	and know that it is located		
	aerial views and online maps) to locate places	near the Lake Patzcuaro and	- Understand the location of	-Use aerial photographs to
	and landmarks.	describe how people use the	hot and cold areas of the	'view from above' and
		river and the issues the	world is related to their	recognise basic human and
1		villagers now face ( it is drying	location and the location of	physical features.
1		up)	the Equator and the North and	
			South Poles	-Use and follow simple
1		-Understand geographical		compass directions (NESW);
1		similarities and differences of	- Begin to classify key	
1		Liverpool and Mexico	features of places into	-Plan and follow routes on a
1			'natural' and 'man-made'	map using map symbols; ( to
				be developed further in year
			- Identify the physical	<u>3)</u>
			features of a continent.	
			including: beach, cliff, coast,	-Ask geographical questions -
			forest, hill, mountain, sea,	Where is it? What is this
			ocean, river, soil, valley,	place like? How near/far is it?
1			vegetation, season and	
1			weather.	-Use locational and directional
				language (for example, near
1			-Identify the human features	and far; left and right), to
1			of a continent, including: city,	describe the location of
1			town, village, factory, farm,	features and routes on a map.
1			house, office, port, harbour	
1			and shop.	-use aerial photographs and
				plan perspectives to recognise

	Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Physical and Human	Geographical Skills
			Geography	and Fieldwork
Year 3	-Understand that climate	-Understand the	-Describe how	Know how to use an
	depends primarily on the	main human and	volcanoes are	atlas to locate
	latitude of a particular place in	physical features of	formed and the key	Europe on a world
	relation to the equator and the	the Mediterranean	features of	map and to identify
	poles (building on knowledge	region of Europe,	volcanoes.	the countries within
	from hot and cold regions Y2).	with a focus on		this continent.
		Spain and	-Understand the	
	-Locate Europe on a world map	understanding the	effects of a recent	-Understand how to
	- and its relative location to	impact that the	volcanic eruption on	use the index in an
	the UK – and identify some of	physical landscape	the human	atlas to identify
	its main characteristics.	has on human land-	population focus on	different countries,
		use and the way	Pompeii and	cities and physical
	-Name 8 countries in Europe,	people live their	evaluate the	features of
	and their capital cities.	lives (including,	advantages and	southern Europe,
		different cuisines).	disadvantages of living near a	e.g. Mt. Vesuvius
		-Know at least four	volcano.	-Use online
		main differences		mapping, including
		between daily life		Digimap, to explore
		in Spain, Madrid		Europe and the
		and our local area.		cities within
				different countries

Resources:	Websites or Apps:		
Immersion room, building an	http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/habitats/Polar_regio n http://www.worldwildlife.org/habitats/polar- regions		
igloo. Polar bear	*To write a report about a polar region. Describe the setting, animals that like there and how they can live in the environment. *Compare and contrast living in England to living in a polar region using geographical terminology.		
costumes for role play. Polar Region books for research.			
Vocabulary:	Numeracy skills:		
Polar	rumeracy skinsi		
Hot cold	Graph skills, plot graphs of temperatures		
Desert	throughout the year in polar regions. Consider		
Physical features	temperature and how it is measured, create charts from data collected.		
Polar	Trom data concetta.		
animals			
Suggested	WOW Experience:		
Quality			
Texts:	Chill Factore (Manchester): Experience the cold		
A trip to the	climate whilst having fun tobogganing.		
bottom of			

the World. Frank Viva		
The Snowy Day, Ezra Jack Keats Meerkat Mail		

#### **Cross Curricular Links:**

Art: create cold and warm pictures, experimenting with paint and colours. Computing: Create a graph using excel. Enquiry Time: Create an igloo.( http://www.ehow.co.uk/how\_6223473\_build-out-plastic-milk-jugs.html)