## Lent Year 1 topic-

## **Antarctica**

This term the year one topic is themed around the frozen continent, Antarctica. The children will be learning about its location, key historical people associated with it, polar animals and

geographical features.



Antarctica is one of the 7 continents. It is furthest south and is known as the frozen continent as it is covered in surface ice. It is unique in that it has no countries but instead is made up of territories.

## Key dates/people

| 350 B.C. | The ancient Greeks           |
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|          | predicted there must be an   |
|          | icy land in the south to     |
|          | balance the world. They      |
|          | never visited.               |
| 1773     | James Cook sails around      |
|          | Antarctica. He never spots   |
|          | land but sees some rock in   |
|          | the waters so assumes its    |
|          | existence.                   |
| 1819-21  | Russian, American and        |
|          | British explorers are the    |
|          | first to claim they have     |
|          | seen the land of Antarctica. |
| 1821     | The first landing in         |
|          | Antarctica. A group of       |
|          | explorers became stranded    |
|          | and spent the winter on      |
|          | the continent.               |
| 1909     | Douglas Mawson reaches       |
|          | the South Pole.              |
|          |                              |

Antarctica has no native people. There are two groups of people who visit Antarctica and those are scientists and tourists. The children will be comparing this to the UK which has a population of 65million.



Key words- children should be aware of the following.

| Continent   | A collection of land masses/ countries.   |
|-------------|---|
| Territory   | An area of land claimed by a country.     |
| Expedition  | A journey to discover more about a place. |
| North Pole  | The most Northern point of the Earth.     |
| South Pole  | The most Southern point of the Earth.     |
| Temperature | Hot/Cold                                  |
| Population  | How many people live there.               |
| Season      | 4 seasons of the year- Spring, Winter,    |
|             | Summer, Autumn.                           |

