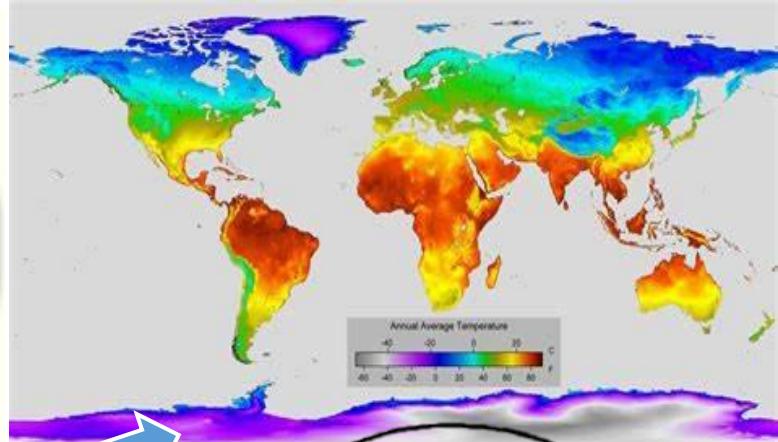


Antarctica

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.

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 dates/people

350 B.C.	The ancient Greeks 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.



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.

Some of the key animal types in Antarctica. Highly recommend watching the documentary Frozen Planet if the children develop interest.



Penguins



Seals



Whales and dolphins



Sea Birds