

Key Vocabulary that will be used throughout the topic:

Wild,
forest,
hibernate,
growl,
hunting,
swim,
fish,
strong,
dangerous,
habitat,
cub,
dens,
claws,
polar,
brown,
black.
Environment
Adapt
Changes
Ice
Melting
Thawing
Freezing
Different
Same
Clothing
Seasons
Seasonal changes
Autumn,
Winter,
sunny,
cloudy,
cold,
shower,
raining,
storm,

Brilliant Bears!

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Beesley Class

Talking Mat

The big question:

Why do Polar bears have thick fur?

How to use this talking mat at home?

For each topic we cover in EYFS we will be sending a copy of this talking mat home. There will also be a copy on Seesaw and the school website for you to access.

As the children will be learning lots of new words we have decided to send home a vocabulary list of words that we will be teaching for you too to use at home.

In addition we have added key talking points for you to consider sharing with your child to be used as a discussion and to aid with their understanding. You may to support your child with key speaking skills- speaking in full sentences, adding in detail and speaking clearly.

Can you help your child to answer?

- What season is it now?
- How should we dress when going outside in Winter?
- What is the weather like in the South pole? (UW- Sci/ Geo)
- What is ice made from? (UW- Sci)
- What happens to ice when it gets warm? (UW- Sci)
- Are all bears the same?
- Do bears all live in the same environment?
- Do all bears eat the same?
- How do bears survive in the wild?
- How is our country the same/different to other countries?

Talking points at home:

- Do we celebrate anything in Winter as a family?
- How is the North/South Pole different from where we live?