



Topic: Near and Far

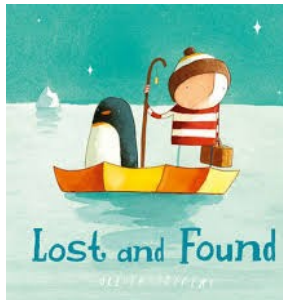
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**Background Information**

- Animals live in places which help them to survive and live happy lives
- A season is a period of time during the year, usually it brings changes to the weather
- The weather changes in winter and becomes cold
- There are different animals which are linked to Winter and places which are cold

**Diagrams / Timelines / Photos**



**Interesting facts**

- The place where an animal lives is called it's habitat
- An animal's body changes to help it to live and survive in it's habitat
- There are 4 seasons in a year - Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter
- In Winter snow may fall because the air gets colder and it can make ice
- Ice is made when water freezes
- Ice and snow melt when they get warm
- We will discuss ways of travelling identifying if they move on land, water or through air
- Different countries have different weather at different times of the year.
- The change in seasons and weather can make different animals change their lifestyles to help them stay alive in the cold weather
- Floating is when an object stays on top of the water
- Sinking is when an object moves through the water and lands on the bottom of the surface.
- Not all small things float and not all big things sink
- Antarctica is a place located at the South Pole which is very cold and has wintery weather
- Penguins live at the South Pole and Polar Bears live at the North Pole. They do not live together.
- A penguin is a type of bird, but they cannot fly

**Key Vocabulary**

Habitat	A place where an animal or creature lives
Ice	Water that has frozen
Winter	A season of the year when the weather becomes colder
Float	When something stays on top of the water and does not fall to the bottom
Sink	When something moves through the water and falls to the bottom
Penguin	A type of bird which cannot fly
Antarctica	A place at the South Pole which is very cold
Snowflake	A small piece of frozen water that falls to the ground
Icicle	A drop of water that has frozen while it is fallen
Hail	Drops of frozen rain that fall from clouds
Rowing boat	A type of boat that needs to be moved by pushing the water with long sticks called oars

**Know how to / Activity**

- Look for signs outside that the weather is changing and getting colder
- Make a paper snowflake using folded papers and Scissors
- Talk about what it might be like to go on a boat. How might it feel to move on water
- Keep an eye out for winter stories and books about Winter animals at home or the Library