



# POLAR BEAR DEN

**Make a den out of different materials to provide a safe, sheltered and snug winter home for a polar bear and her cubs!**



## POLAR BEAR INFORMATION

- Polar bears live in the Arctic where temperatures can reach as low as minus 50-60 °C in the winter months. The Arctic is covered in snow and ice and very few animals are able to survive there.
- Polar bears spend much of their time on the Arctic sea ice where they hunt live and breed.
- The pregnant female polar bear will need to make a den in early winter to escape the very cold weather. This is where her cubs will be born.
- Polar bears use their sharp claws to dig a den into the snow and ice.
- They like there to be a tunnel for the den entrance which leads to a 'bedroom'. Some dens have more than one room.



## WHAT TO DO

- Using the information about the polar bear and its environment, think carefully about its needs.
- Collect things around your home to build a perfect den for your polar bear.
- Cut out the polar bear at the bottom of the page and put it inside so it can snuggle down.



## TIPS FOR MATERIALS

- Polar bears build their den out of snow and ice so why not look out for materials that have the colour and texture of snow e.g. cotton wool, polystyrene.
- They like to have a tunnel so look out for tubes or materials you can mould into a tunnel e.g. kitchen towel tubes or plasticine.
- Why not draw some polar bear cubs and add them to the den too.



Cut out this rectangle and fold in half. Stick one half to the back of your bear. This will enable it to sit up inside the den.

