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.