



## Topic: Arctic Animals



### Cognitive Development: We will talk about:

- the arctic and the animals that live there.
- what types of food they eat.
- the different features of arctic animals.
- what hibernation is.

Vocabulary words: hibernation, arctic, habitat, penguin, arctic hare and polar bear.

### Creative Art: The children will:

- Paint using colored ice cubes.
- Decorate a "furry" polar bear.
- Create an "icy" igloo.
- As a group, we will make a large arctic hare to hang on the Winter mural in the preschool gym.

### Science/Discovery:

- During circle time, we will talk about how the arctic animals stay warm in cold weather.

### Language Development:

#### Books:

- Penguins, Penguins Everywhere by Bob Barner
- Bear Snores On and Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson
- The Penguin Who Wanted to Fly by Catherine Vase
- Swim, Polar Bear, Swim by Joan Stimson

#### Music:

- "Goin' on a Bear Hunt"
- "A Walking We Will Go"

### Gross Motor Skills:

- Walk like animals (on all fours like a polar bear, waddle like a penguin, etc.)

### Fine Motor Skills:

- In the water table, there will be toy fish frozen in ice for the children to "catch" as the ice melts.