

POLAR BEAR, POLAR BEAR

playspace card

Experience the enchanting Polar Bear Playspace, inspired by "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?" by Bill Martin and Eric Carle. This sensory adventure allows children to feel soft sensory snow and meet playful penguins, majestic polar bears, and agile sea lions, fostering curiosity and imaginative play. Explore the life of a Polar Bear in its frosty home and let storytelling come to life in the small world, sensory play space! Ignite a newfound interest for the wonders of the Arctic ecosystem in your classroom!

CREATING THIS SPACE we've got you covered

Browse a curated list of everything we used to create this space on our website!

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Whether you're topping up your own resource collection or want to purchase the whole Playspace, Bellbird has you covered!

PLAYSPACE BUNDLES what's included?

- ➔ Purchase all the resources used to put this Playspace together so you can set it up in your own space and style!

Polar Bear, Polar Bear Playspace (SKU 110063)

*Please note that the photography does not show all items from the resource sets. Purchasing this Playspace includes complete sets beyond those displayed.

OUR HERO PIECES in this space

- ➔ 2 in 1 Sensory Play Tray - Blue (SKU 112938)
- ➔ Sensory Snow (SKU 112939)
- ➔ Let's Investigate Tactile Stones -Polar Footprints (SKU 113280)
- ➔ Large Imaginative Play Cave (SKU 113314)
- ➔ Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? - Board Book (SKU 134764)
- ➔ Grimm's Friends Pastel - 12pcs (SKU 140128)
- ➔ Grimm's Rainbow Large Pastel (SKU 140129)
- ➔ CollectA Sea Life Replica - Sea Lion 11.5 x 7.5cmH (SKU 155133)
- ➔ CollectA Polar Life Replica - Emperor Penguin 4 x 7cmH (SKU 155180)
- ➔ CollectA Polar Life Replica - Polar Bear 10 x 6cmH (SKU 155181)
- ➔ CollectA Polar Life Replica - Polar Bear Cub 6 x 4cmH (SKU 155182)



Flip over the page for links to the EYLF, Planning Cycle and Implementation/Extension tips



Take some of the guess work out of the 'why' behind the 'what' and let the Bellbird Playspace cards help guide you to create engaging and meaningful learning opportunities.



THE BIGGER THOUGHTS

learning themes and connections

Wondering what topics and themes you might see children exploring whilst engaging in this playspace? Check out some relevant learning themes here:

- ➔ Arctic Animals
- ➔ Polar Expedition
- ➔ Sensory Play
- ➔ Weather Inquiry
- ➔ Polar Expedition
- ➔ World Explorers



PROMOTING THINKING DURING PLAY

engaging with children

Help children to think deeper about the topics you're exploring by engaging with them during play! Use open-ended questions to challenge and develop children's thoughts and ideas about what they're learning. You could ask children:

- ➔ If you were a polar bear, how might you build a home in the snow to keep warm, can we make our own cave?
- ➔ How do animals like seals and penguins find food in the polar region?
- ➔ What would you wear and carry as a brave explorer to navigate the icy terrain?
- ➔ In the icy polar world, what sounds might you hear, like snow crunching, the wind whooshing, or ice cracking?



LINKING TO THE LEARNING BEHIND PLAY

possible links to the early years learning framework

You might find children engaging in the follow learning outcomes from the EYLF:

- ➔ Learning Outcome 2.4: Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment
- ➔ Learning Outcome 4.2: Children develop a range of learning and thinking skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating



EXTENDING PLAY: WHERE TO NEXT

extension ideas and prompts for continued inquiry

- ➔ Iceberg exploration: Freeze a block of water and add it to a tub full of water and allow children to explore and investigate what happens! Discuss buoyancy or introduce global warming.
- ➔ Polar bear cave! Get those engineering minds working and use what you can find as a team to build your own cave, consider ideas like balance, shelter and capacity.
- ➔ Use books and technology to explore and investigate the life of polar bears!
- ➔ Help children understand what polar regions are really like by watching educational videos such as:
 - [A Walk in the Arctic for Kids / Educational Video for Early Learners \(Scholastic on YouTube\)](#)



EVALUATING EXPERIENCES

prompts for critical reflection

- ➔ What worked well and why? What will I do differently next time?
- ➔ What feedback did children give, and how can I include their voices in future experiences?



MORE INSPIRATION

Want some more guidance and ideas on engaging environments? We've got you covered!



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