

# Penguins

What is the life of a penguin like?

## Reception

### Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the session:

- ✓ **All pupils** will know that penguins live in many places – some hot and some cold
- ✓ **Most pupils** will know that penguins cannot fly but are good at swimming
- ✓ **Some pupils** will understand the key features of a penguin that help them swim

### Curriculum Links:

Communication and Language | Understanding the World – the world

## Session Outline:

The session starts with how many species of penguin there are and where they are found in the wild. To reinforce this, some of the children are dressed in costumes representing the different locations. Penguin adaptations are then introduced, explaining how penguins can swim and cope with cold temperatures. One pupil will be dressed up as a penguin as a recap of these different adaptations. These adaptations are related to how penguins can catch their food and what food penguins eat. The session ends with pupils acting like an emperor penguin, looking at how they survive and incubate their eggs in the extreme temperatures of Antarctica.

## Year 1 - 2

### Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the session:

- ✓ **All pupils** will know where penguins live and that there are many different types of penguins
- ✓ **Most pupils** will know what a penguin eats, and what adaptations aid them in catching their food
- ✓ **Some pupils** will understand how their adaptations help penguins to be successful in their environment

### Curriculum Links:

Science – Animals, including humans | Living things and their habitats  
Geography – Location knowledge | Human and physical geography

