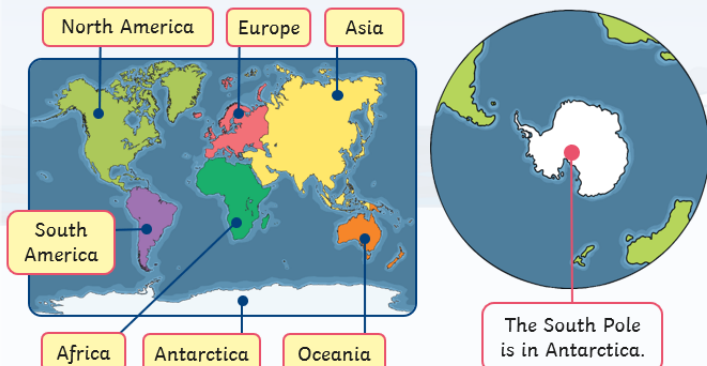


The South Pole

Do you know which continent the South Pole is in?

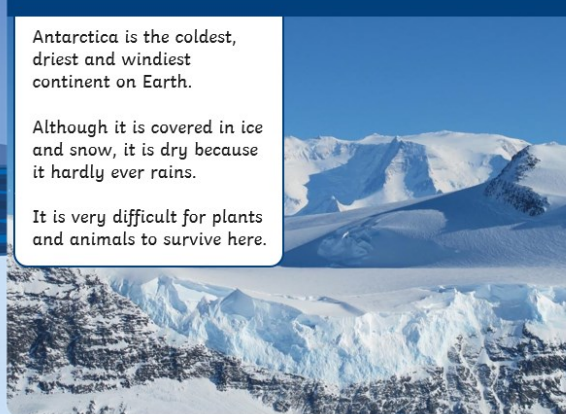


Antarctica

Antarctica is the coldest, driest and windiest continent on Earth.

Although it is covered in ice and snow, it is dry because it hardly ever rains.

It is very difficult for plants and animals to survive here.



Planning a Journey

When people plan a journey, they might use maps and a **compass** to help them. You can record a journey on a map using a journey line.



Continents

There are seven **continents**: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, **Australasia**, Europe, North America and South America. Some **continents** have many countries, others do not.

World Oceans

There are five **oceans** in the world: the Arctic Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and the Southern Ocean.



Key Vocabulary

achievement	An achievement is something challenging that a person does well.
equipment	Objects that are needed for an activity, such as exploring.
expedition	A journey taken for a reason, such as exploring somewhere or something.
explorer	Someone who goes on a journey to find out about somewhere or something new.
polar	Polar describes anything about (or near) the North Pole or South Pole.
significant	Important and worth knowing about.

Reaching the South Pole

In 1902, Robert Scott, Edward Wilson and Ernest Shackleton set off to try to find the South Pole on the Discovery Expedition.



Scott

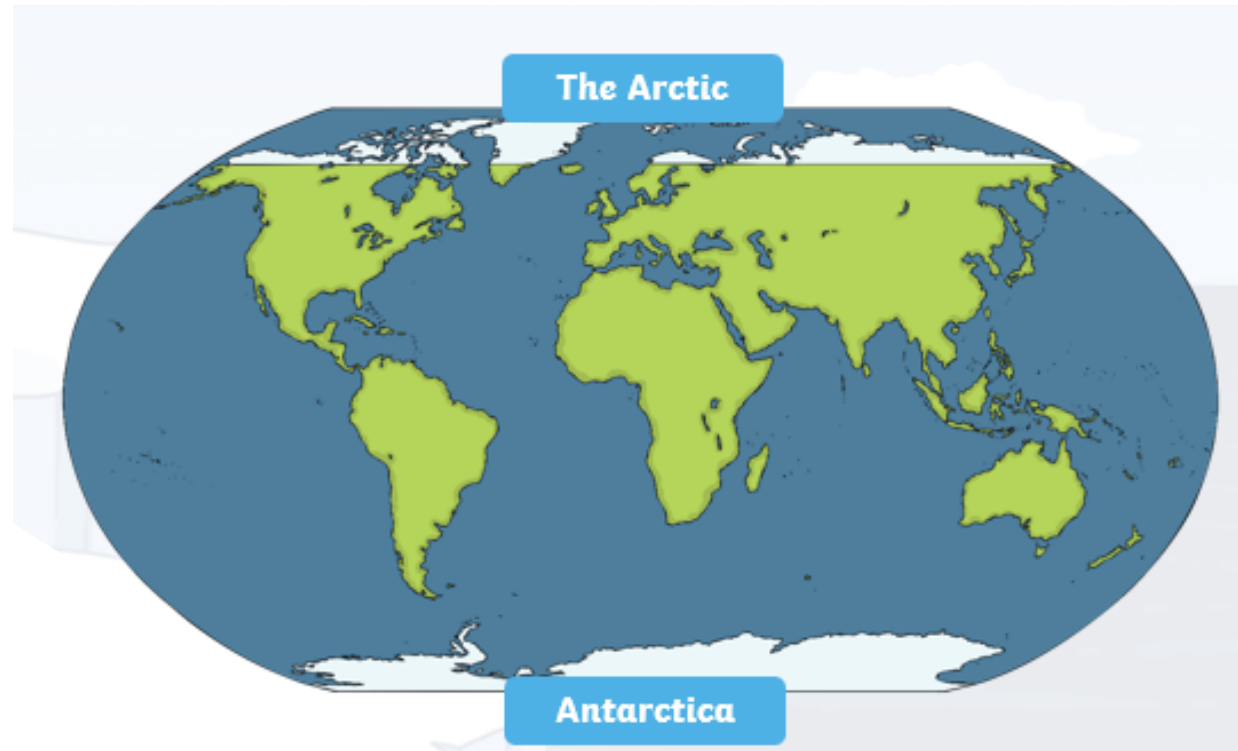


Wilson



Shackleton

Key Vocabulary	
compass	A piece of equipment that tells you what direction you are travelling in. The main compass points are north, south, east and west.
climate	The usual weather conditions of an area.
equator	An imaginary line drawn around the middle of Earth, dividing it into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.
tropical	Hot and humid.
temperate	Mild weather. Neither very hot nor very cold.
continent	A very large area of land that includes all the islands with it.
ocean	A large area of sea.
population	The number of people that live in a particular place.
landmark	A well-known building or place.



Climate

Countries around the world have different **climates**. **Climates** can be sorted into the following zones: warm, cold (or polar), **tropical** and **temperate**. Countries near the equator tend to have a hotter **climate**. Different animals are better suited to living in countries with a particular **climate**.



penguin



polar bear



killer whale



musk ox



wolf



beluga whale