

English

Week commencing 11th May

This week in English we will be looking at the Ice Bear. We will understand more about characters, motives and how they change over time.

Monday - Activity 1

Re-read the first page. Write 5 words which create atmosphere in the story and give your reasons why.

In the beginning of time people and animals lived together on the earth and there was no difference between them. Bear, human, raven, fox, even snow and ice, all had spirit, all had soul. The air was pure and clear as crystal. Words held a magic. A word spoken in a chance, a wish or a whisper would hold a magic that would shape the world.

Into this world they were born, in the dark months, when the cold and the wind turned water to stone. So small. She held them close to keep them warm in the blue ice cave that was their world.

Eg. The word spirit creates atmosphere as it suggests that there is a bigger force looking over this world.

Tuesday - Activity 2

Re-read the paragraph. How did the mother feel when she was in the cave? Write feelings in the paw print.

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Wednesday - Activity 3

Read the next paragraph.



But Raven tricked her. She stole away one child, carried him high into the darkness of winter, over the frozen sea. The bear wept when she found that her cub had gone. Her ice tears formed scars on her cheeks. She held her one child safer and closer and waited for the sun to rise. But she never forgot.

Now write 2 sentences to say how the mother polar bear is now feeling

Thursday - Activity 4

Read the next part of the story.

The storm came in fast but his dogs moved faster.

Safe home at last they stored the food for the dark days ahead.

They honoured the spirits of the hare and the seal,
then they unwrapped the bundle of cream white fur.

Two eyes, black as midwinter.

Dark hair like a raven's wing.

Two hands, fingers clawed by the cold.

A child.

Activity 4.

For seven years they had longed for a child.
His mother made him a parka of seal skin.
She lined it with the fur of the white wolf and decorated it
with patterns of coloured beads and the white tails of ermine.

For seven years they held him close, sang him songs and lullabies.
They sang to him of the seal and the whale, the owl and the fox.
They sang of the snow and the ice and the wind, of summer and winter,
of darkness and light. He loved the stories and he loved
the songs, the language of ice and the song of the wind.
Most of all he loved to hear of the great white bears.
And they loved him.

He seldom spoke. He often smiled.

And always the raven watched over him.