

We will be learning...

about different environments,
especially Antarctica,

how to use a map or an atlas to find
out about the world,

about different types of penguins, what
makes them special and where they
live,

about different animals that live in the
Arctic and Antarctic and what features
of their bodies help them to survive in
a cold habitat,

about the celebration Chinese New
Year,

to compare numbers from 1-10.

how to add two single digit numbers up
to 5,

how to measure objects and order
them by height,

how to write describing words,

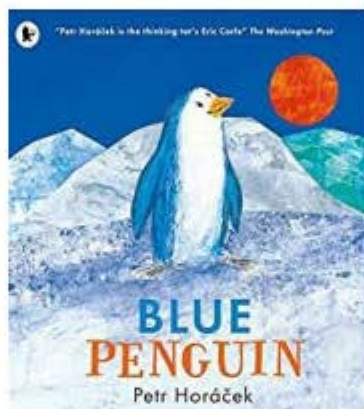
how to create our own illustration for
our core story, looking careful at the
different techniques the illustrator has
used.

Reception Overview – Spring 1

Our core story is:

Blue Penguin by Petr Horacek

Please do not read this at home with your child until the end of the half term so your child can enjoy hearing the story unfold in class.



At home you could:

Talk to your children about the village they live in and its features, for example the weather.

Visit the local library to look for information books about penguins or find an Atlas.

Play tricky word games like snap or bingo.

Practise reading and writing words that are tricky at the moment – I, to, go, no, the

Please continue to read as much as possible with your child at home and record on Go Read.

Key skills for your child:

to be able to write simple words,
labels and captions independently

to be able to read and write tricky
words – the, no, go, I, into and to,

to be able to recognise numerals up
to 10 and begin to recognise some
above 10,

to be able to talk about features of
their immediate environment, such
as where they live.

Key vocabulary we will be learning:

Arctic, Antarctica, map, atlas, environment,
features, climate, weather, penguin, polar
bear, seal, habitat, polar region, north pole,
south pole, equator, cold, freezing, ice,

Environment – the surrounding conditions
in which a person or animal lives

Climate – weather conditions often seen in
a particular part of the world

Habitat – the natural home of an animal

Polar – areas at the North or South of the
world covered in ice

Equator – imaginary line that splits the

**Please talk to your child's class
teacher if you have any questions.**