education session

Christmas Penguin
Educational Experience
Can penguins replace Santa's flying reindeer?

Reception

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the session:

- ✓ **All pupils** will know penguins are not a good replacement for Santa's reindeer
- ✓ **Most pupils** will know that penguins do not live at the North Pole, they only live in the south
- ✓ **Some pupils** will remember that penguins are birds which can not fly, but are very good at swimming

Curriculum Links:
Communication and Language | Understanding the World – the world

Year 1 - 2

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the session:

- ✓ **All pupils** will know penguins are not a good replacement for Santa's reindeer
- ✓ **Most pupils** will know penguins only live in the southern hemisphere, in both hot and cold places
- ✓ **Some pupils** will understand how penguins are adapted to swimming and why this means they can not fly

Curriculum Links:
Geography - Location knowledge | **Science** - Living things and their habitats

Session Outline:

The session begins with your class being greeted by an elf who has lost the magic flying dust for the reindeer, but the elf thinks that penguins would be a great replacement. Together with the elf, your class will use a magic book to learn about penguins and discover all the reasons why they aren't a good replacement (where they live, what they eat, they can't fly, etc.). To reinforce this learning, a penguin keeper will bring out a real live penguin to give your class the chance to observe all the features they've learned about up close. Father Christmas will then join you, and it's all okay because he had the magic flying dust with him all along. There is then time for a class photo (bring your own camera!) with Father Christmas. As you leave Father Christmas will give each pupil a lovely penguiny gift.

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