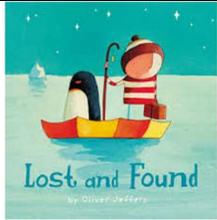




# Habitats Year 2 Geography Knowledge Mat



## Exciting Books



## Sticky Knowledge about different habitats in the world

Hot deserts are very hot during the day but can reach freezing point at night.

The largest hot desert in the world is the Sahara which is around the equator

The largest cold desert is Antarctica

Even though we think they should be, not all deserts are hot. Two of the world's biggest deserts are in the North and South Poles which are extremely cold.

Animals that live near the equator, such as meerkats, camels, lizards and scorpions have adapted to keep cool and live in hot temperatures.

Polar bears live in the North pole, Penguins live in the South pole. Arctic animals such as seals, reindeer, walrus, have adapted to keep warm.

Some places have man-made features such as canals, shops, houses.

All places have natural features such as hills, seas, land or ice caps.

Climate change is impacting these natural environments.

## Subject Specific Vocabulary

<b>North Pole</b>	The North Pole is the northernmost place on Earth. When at the North Pole all directions point south.
<b>South Pole</b>	The South Pole is the southernmost place on Earth. When at the South Pole all directions point north.
<b>Equator</b>	Is an imaginary line around the centre of the Earth. It is very hot at the Equator. It divides the Earth into the north and south hemispheres.
<b>climate</b>	Typical weather pattern over time in a particular place
<b>meerkats</b>	Animals that are often found in dry places like deserts. They belong to the mongoose family.
<b>desert</b>	A desert is a place where almost no rain falls. Very few plants or animals live there.
<b>humid</b>	When there is a lot of moisture in the air it is said to be humid. Hot countries often are very humid.
<b>camouflage</b>	When an animal's markings help it to blend in with its environment.

### Prior learning-

Name and describe locations around Stalybridge, weather in other countries different to UK, describe a coastal area, manmade and natural environments, environmental issues at the coast

