Lesson Six: Antarctica Day
Factsheet for teachers

Key Questions

- Who were the members of the expedition crew?
- What role did I play on The Endurance and throughout the expedition?

Purpose of Lesson

Children will take on the role of a member of the Endurance crew (see downloads for a list of names and occupations). During the ‘Antarctica day’ children will participate and co-produce a ‘role play’ of the expedition. This will link together all elements of their geographical understanding from routes taken by Ernest Shackleton (using mapping, locational and environmental knowledge) and life within the Antarctic Circle (human geography, industry and tourism). Pupils will demonstrate their understanding of the place studied and the geographical skills learnt.

Centenary of Ernest Shackleton

8th August 2014 marks the start of the centenary of Sir Ernest Shackleton’s Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, also known as the Endurance expedition. The website ‘Shackleton 100’ highlights various events taking place across the world to commemorate the 1914-1917 Antarctic expeditions. Go to Shackleton 100 website http://www.shackleton100.org/


Extracts of Ernest Shackleton’s diary can be found online. Go to the Scott Polar Research Institute Website http://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/library/archives/shackleton/articles/1537,3,8.html

Links

Go to Endurance Obituaries website http://www.enduranceobituaries.co.uk/

For images and archival material of Endurance expedition, go to RGS-IBG Website http://images.rgs.org/