

# 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

8<sup>th</sup> 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/>

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) will celebrate with an exhibition 'The Enduring Eye: The Legacy of Sir Ernest Shackleton and Frank Hurley'. Go to RGS-IBG website [http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/Exhibitions/The+Enduring+Eye+The+Antarctic+Legacy+of+Si  
r+Ernest+Shackleton+and+Frank+Hurley.htm](http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/Exhibitions/The+Enduring+Eye+The+Antarctic+Legacy+of+Sir+Ernest+Shackleton+and+Frank+Hurley.htm)

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/>