



# HOME-SCHOOL INSPIRATION



If you can't go out, why not travel the world from home?

This week we travel to Iceland.

## Geography

Iceland is in the Atlantic Ocean, just below the Arctic Circle. The island was formed eighteen million years ago when a volcano erupted. There is still a hot spot called 'The Iceland Plume'. Iceland still experiences volcanic eruptions every four to five years. Most of Iceland is covered by arctic wasteland, only 23% of the country is vegetation.

<https://youtu.be/tUaNtki82o>



## Vikings

The first people to settle in Iceland were probably Irish monks who came in the 8th century. However, in the 9th century, they were driven out by Vikings. According to tradition, the first Viking to discover Iceland was a man named Naddoddur who got lost while on his way to the Faroe Islands in about 860.

Click here to find out more about Iceland's Vikings:



Make your own Northern Lights artwork:

<https://taminglittlemonsters.com/northern-lights-art-for-kids/>

## The Northern Lights

The Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) are shafts or curtains of coloured light visible in the night sky. The Northern Lights occur when gas particles in the Earth's atmosphere collide with charged particles from the sun's atmosphere. Watch this video to find out more:

<https://youtu.be/J9dFT4tOVeE>

Click here to learn 10 interesting facts about the Northern Lights:



## Animals

The Arctic Fox was the only land mammal living in Iceland before the Vikings settled more than 1000 years ago. It lives happily alongside the variety of other mammals that have been introduced to Iceland.

Click on the pictures to find out more:



Learn to count to 20 in Icelandic



70% of Icelanders believe in or consider the possibility of the existence of [Huldufólk](#) or hidden people (Elves), and that they live and behave like humans. [Tale of the Elves and the Shoemaker](#) is a well-known Elf tale written by German brothers, Grimm.

## Elves



Find out how to draw a puffin:



<https://artprojectsforkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Draw-a-Puffin.pdf>

## Find out more...

- What is the capital of Iceland?
- What is Iceland's national sport?
- What do the colours of the flag represent?

**There are no limits to what you can discover!**

