



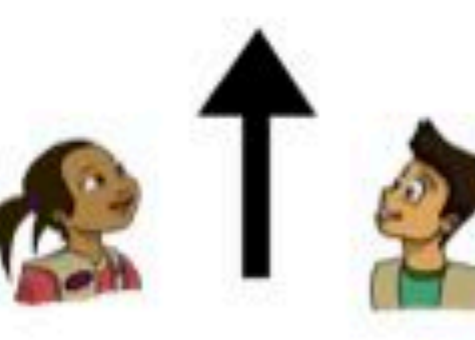




Decodable Word Chart

Long /e/	Short /i/	Short /e/	Short /a/	Short /u/	Short /o/	Schwa /ə/
						
Lee	hill	tells	class	thump	top	the
see	sniff	next	asks	crunch	rocks	across
sea	fish	bend	track	luck	pond	
bear	swims	blends	pass	rush	fox	
near		bends	splash	hush	trot	
		smells	back	must	plop	
		tell	flash		block	





Datziz



Peg

Characters

Glossary

Arctic Circle (Page 4)

The top part of the globe, where the sun disappears in the winter and stays all night in the summer.



Arctic Fox (Page 6)

A fox with thick fur that lives in the Arctic. They are brown in the summer and white in the winter.



Arctic Hare (Page 5)

A short-tailed mammal with soft fur and long ears. They dig holes in the ground to live in. They are brown or grey in the summer and white in the winter.



Arctic Wolf (Page 7)

A subspecies of grey wolves living in the Arctic. Also known as the polar wolf or white wolf. Wolves live in packs with other wolves and hunt other animals.



Polar Bear (Pages 8, 9, 10, 11)

A huge white bear that lives in the Arctic and eats sea animals.



Global Warming (Page 14)

An increase in the world's temperatures.

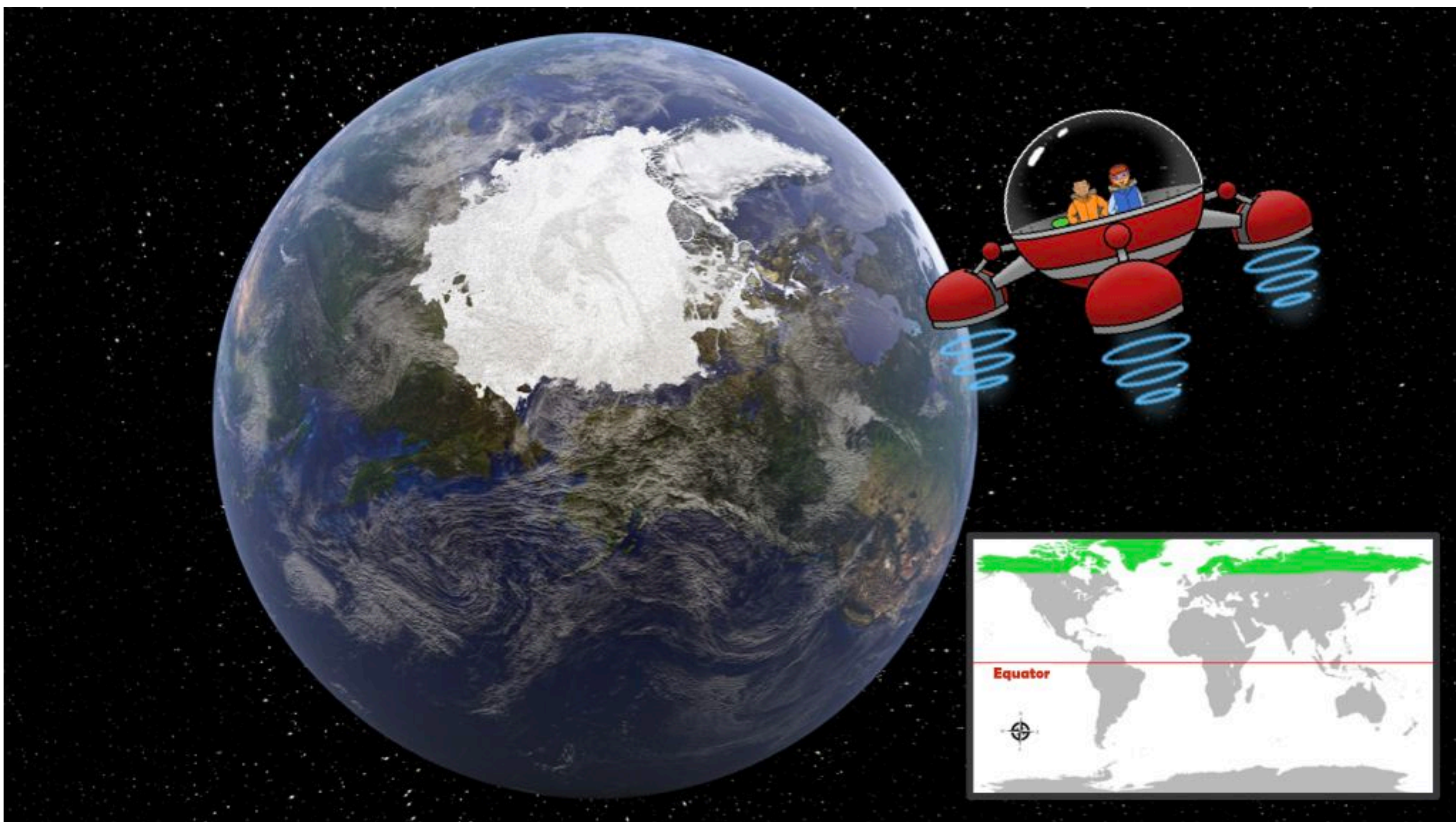
Arctic Facts

- The name 'Arctic' comes from the Greek word that means 'near the bear'.
- The lowest temperature recorded in the Arctic is around -90°F (-68°C).
- In the winter the Arctic Ocean has a sheet of thick ice covering it. A person could walk from North America to Asia across the ice without getting wet.
- In the summer the ice sheet melts, creating large blocks of ice floating in the water.
- The Arctic Ocean is the smallest ocean in the world.
- Polar bears have black skin underneath their white fur.

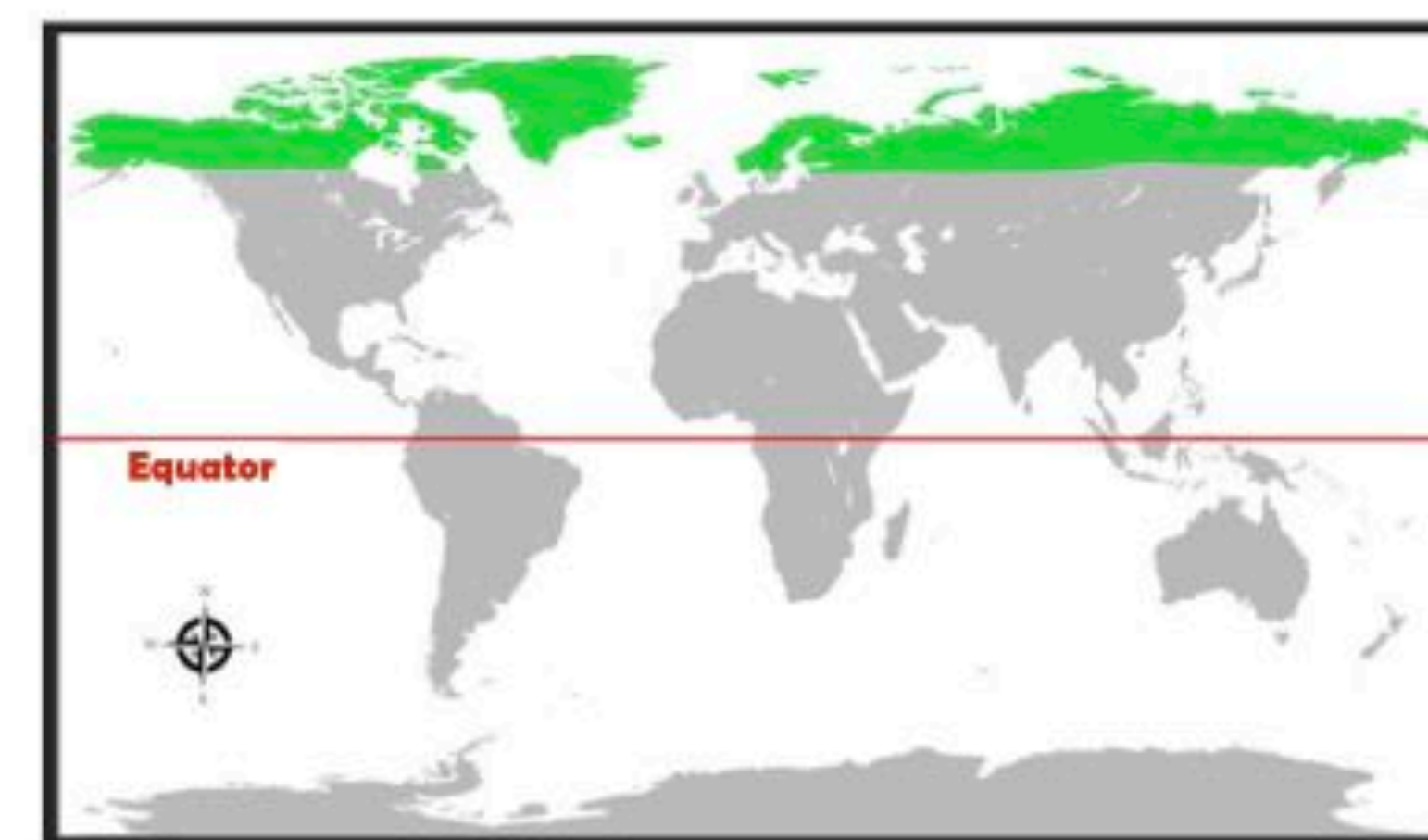


Ms. Lee tells her class about animals in the Arctic Circle.

Polar bears live in the Arctic Circle.



Map of the Arctic Circle



Peg and Datz go to the Arctic Circle.
They see the North Pole circled by a
swirl of snow at the top of the Earth.

They want to see polar bears.



Peg and Datz tell their class about the animals of the Arctic Circle.

“The animals’ fur blends in with the white snow,” says Peg.



Thump, thump, thump.

“Look, it’s an Arctic hare!” says Peg.

“Where?” asks Datz.

“Behind the rocks,” says Peg.

“Oh, it looks like snow over dirt,” says Datz.



Next, they hear crunch, crunch, crunch.

Datz asks, "What's that far across the pond?"

Peg says, "It's an Arctic fox."



The polar bear is back in a flash.

The polar bear swims back to the block of ice.

"I do not think he got a fish," says Datz.

"So he still must be hungry," says Peg.

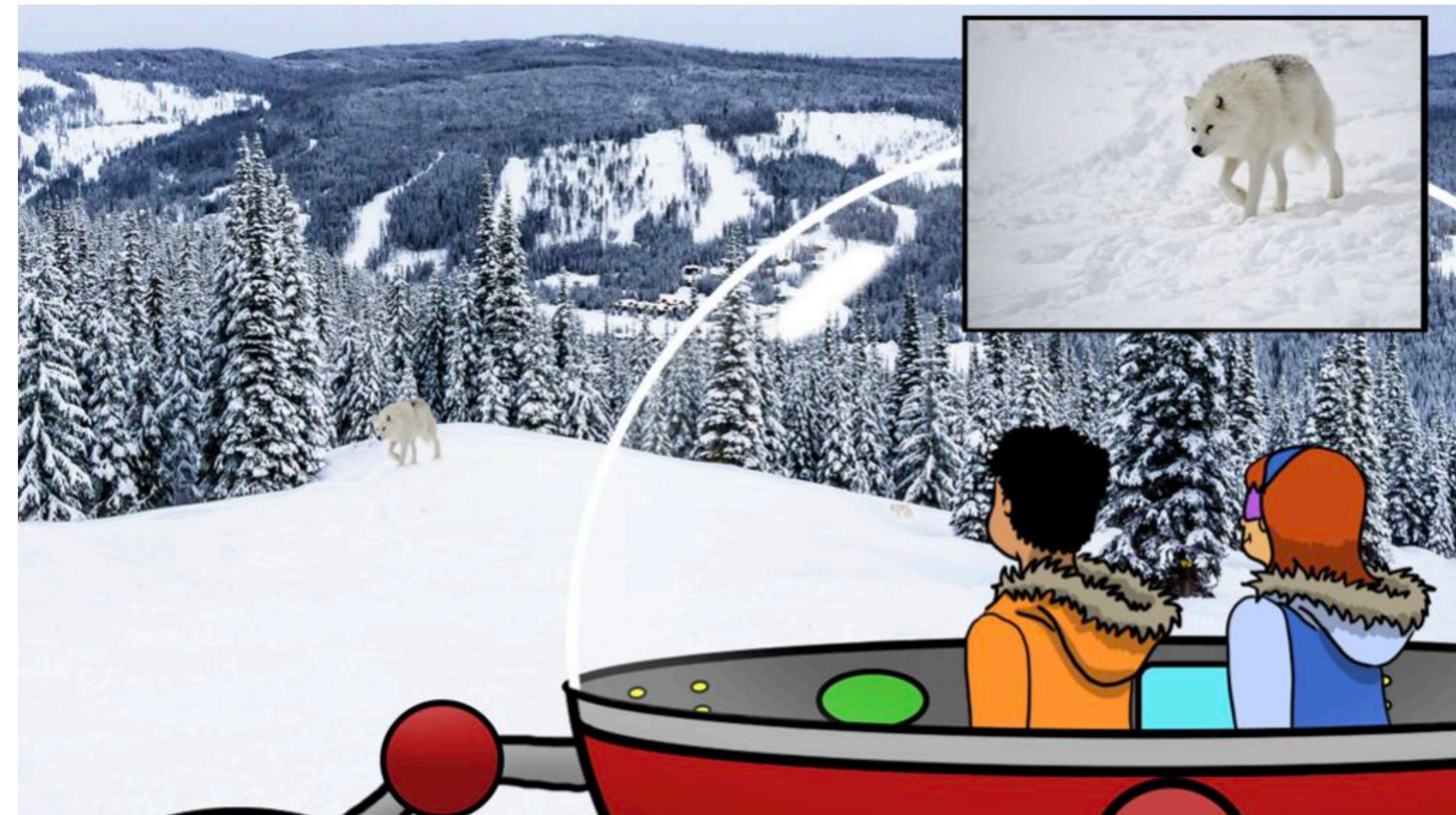


The polar bear bends down near the icy shore.

Sniff, sniff, sniff.

“Hush, I think he smells a fish,” says Peg.

Plop, splash...



Datiz and Peg see track marks in the snow.

An Arctic wolf comes around the bend. It snarls at them.

Datiz says, “The Arctic wolf blends in with the snow on the hill.”



At last, Datz and Peg see a polar bear!
He is quick to pass Peg and Datz.



“What luck! See the polar bear trot
on the firm ice,” says Peg.
“I think he is in a rush,” says Datz.