Exploring Climates with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To describe and compare different climate zones around the world, using geographical vocabulary.

Use the writing frame below to help you write a report about two different climate zones. Think about the weather, the temperature, and what kind of plants or animals might live there.

Finn the Dolphin has travelled across the globe and discovered that the Earth has many different climate zones, each with its own unique weather patterns.

Word bank: in contrast · on the other hand · furthermore · typically · equator · polar regions · tropical · temperature · precipitation · however

1. Introduction: Start by explaining what a climate is and why it changes depending on where you are on Earth. You could start with: A climate is the average weather pattern in a place over a long time... (2 marks)

2. Zone One: Describe a hot climate zone, such as a tropical rainforest or a desert. You could start with: One example of a climate zone is..., where the weather is usually... (2 marks)

3. Zone Two: Describe a cold climate zone, such as the Polar regions. You could start with: On the other hand, the Polar climate is very different because... (2 marks)

4. Comparison: How do these two climates affect the life that grows or lives there? You could start with: These climates are different because... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why it is important for us to learn about different climates. You could start with: Learning about climates helps us to understand... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose one climate zone and draw a map showing where it is located on Earth. Label the Equator and the North and South Poles.