Bug Club

Read through the text and answer the questions.

The Arctic Fox

Home

The Arctic fox lives in the far north of Canada. For most of the year, this land is covered with snow and ice. The Arctic fox lives in underground dens, digging tunnels through the snow to get from one den to another.

Young

Baby foxes, called cubs, are born in spring. When the cubs are born, their coats are brown. At first, they drink their mother's milk, but by autumn the young can hunt for food.

1 Which country does the Arctic fox live in?

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2 What colour are the cubs in spring?

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Appearance

In winter, the Arctic fox has thick white fur that keeps it warm. Its coat makes it hard for enemies to see it in the snow. The Arctic fox has fur on its footpads, which protects it from the cold when hunting. The tail of the Arctic fox is bushy, almost like a squirrel's tail. It helps protect the fox from the cold.

In spring, the fox's coat turns brown. Its dark fur makes it hard for enemies to see the fox when it is hunting on the rocky ground. The Arctic fox is the only animal from the dog family to change colour.

Food

The Arctic fox hunts for small animals, such as mice, that it can hear under the snow. It will eat any kind of meat, including birds and fish. If the Arctic fox cannot catch food, it will eat birds' eggs, berries or leftover food caught by other animals such as wolves or polar bears. Sometimes, the Arctic fox will even eat its own droppings!

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The Arctic fox has fur on its footpads.
Tick the word that means the same as 'footpads'.

Ears	☐	Coat	☐
Tail	☐	Paws	☐

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How is the tail of an Arctic fox like a squirrel's tail?

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5 How do you know that the Arctic fox has good hearing?
Tick **one** box.

- It has small ears. ☐
- It can hear small animals under the snow. ☐
- It eats berries. ☐
- It lives underground. ☐

6 How does the Arctic fox's fur help it in winter?
Find **two** things.

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7 What does the Arctic fox eat? List **four** things.

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8 What does the Arctic fox look like in winter?
Use two **different** words to label the fox in winter.

Summer

thin coat brown fur

Winter

_____ coat _____ fur