

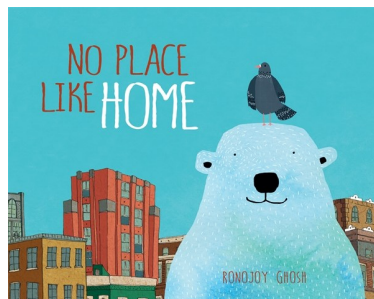
No Place Like Home

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**Picture Book of
the Month**

The city is no place for a polar bear like George. Being homesick is making George a terrible grump.

Not knowing where home is makes it even worse. So George sets off on a search. He isn't sure what home looks like, but he'll know it when he finds it.



Teacher notes have been based on those prepared by the publisher, Penguin Random House.

Themes:

- Problem-solving
- Nature
- Friendship
- Sharing and co-operation
- Identifying emotions

Discussion Points:

- Do you think George was a kind bear at the start of the story? Did he have many friends? What about at the end of the book? What has changed? Why do you think it has changed?
- Do you think George asked the birds to come with him on his journey? The final illustration suggests the birds are flying away. Do you think that is a good thing or a bad thing? Why?
- Have you ever felt homesick or out of place like George? How did you make yourself feel better?
- Think of three words that describe your home. What about three words that describe somewhere you've been that felt strange or unfamiliar to you?
- Can you name all the types of animals that appear in the book? Look closely in the background of all the illustrations - you may find more.
- Apart from George, do you think the animals belong in the places they are shown? Why?
- In which part of the world do polar bears live? Can you point the area out on a map?
- As a class or in groups, discuss what you know about polar bears. You could consider questions such as: What kind of homes do polar bears usually have? Where do they sleep? What do polar bears eat? Do polar bears usually live in big groups, in small family groups, or mostly on their own?

Activity:

- One way to create a picture is to make a collage – this uses shapes and colour to create an image. You can make collages by cutting and gluing different types of paper and card, cloth and ribbons, and lots of other everyday items, such as leaves, aluminium foil, empty boxes or packets. Try making your own collage artwork. You could make a picture of your own design, or you could choose a favourite illustration in *No Place Like Home* and make a collage that looks like the illustration.