

# GLACIERS



Most glaciers are in the polar regions. There are some smaller ones in some mountain areas too. Glaciers are packed snow that over the years has become thick mass of ice.

Every year new snow falls so the ice becomes thicker and thicker. When it gets too heavy it breaks into big blocks. Glaciers flow like slow rivers.

It can take hundreds of years for a large glacier to form. Glacial ice has a different colour from regular ice. It appears to be bright blue because it is made of a very thick layer of ice.



Some of the animals which live on glaciers are polar bears, killer whales (orcas), seals, penguins, moose, reindeer, herring and golden eagle.



They have adapted to life in the cold. Most of these animals have thick fur a layer of fat underneath to keep them warm.

There are some people who live on glaciers too! They are called inuit people. They live in igloos which are houses made of ice blocks!

