**Oxford Reading Tree - Non-Fiction Level 7**

**Season Swap**

Reading Activities

Pages 4-7

Opposite Sides of the World

1. Use the glossary at the back of your book to find out what the Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere is; write the meaning of them in your jotter.
2. How long does it take for the sun to travel round the earth?
3. What is the invisible line that ‘chops’ the world in two?
4. Why do the seasons change?
5. Compare the temperatures in July in both Manchester (UK) and in Melbourne (Australia).

Follow Up Task

* Using ICT - Google earth, research what Melbourne and Manchester look like and note down some differences and similarities between the two cities.

Pages 8- 11

1. Which animals in Antarctica have their babies during winter?
2. What is the weather like in autumn in the Northern hemisphere?
3. What is the temperature like in October(spring) in Melbourne?

Pages 12-17

1. In the month of January compare and note down the temperatures in both Manchester and Melbourne. Say which city you would prefer to visit in January and give a reason why.
2. What activities can you do in Manchester Dec-Feb?
3. What activities can you do Dec-Feb in Melbourne?
4. What record temperature was recorded in Australia in 1960?

Follow Up Task

\*Create a mindmap of your favourite season and write words around it to describe things that remind you of that season.

Pages 18-23

1. Describe the daylight in Manchester in Spring?
2. In Spring what kind of weather does some parts of America have?
3. What season in Australia tends to be the wettest?
4. What is the distance between Manchester and Australia?
5. How long does it take on an aeroplane to travel from Manchester to Australia?

Follow Up Task

\* Draw what you would take in your suitcase if you had to visit Melbourne in March. (look at the recorded temperatures on page 19)