The South Polar Times School Magazine

During the winter of 1902 and 1903, the officers of the National Antarctic Expedition on board the Discovery produced their own magazine. They called it ‘The South Polar Times.’ Everyone could contribute to the monthly magazine, including the crewmen. The contents ranged from a diary of the events of each month, stories, poems, songs, funny jokes, quizzes, descriptions of scientific findings, debates, drawings of wildlife and caricature sketches of the officers and scientific members of the Expedition.

What to do:

Create your own ‘South Polar Times’ as a class. Each member of your expedition could add to the final magazine. Give each class member a task and then ‘publish’ the finished magazine for the rest of the school to view. You could share stories or poems of school life, take photographs, draw sketches of the teachers and other classmates or share a recent scientific project you have worked on in class, be as creative as you like!

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