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## Use What on earth! magazine to generate discussion with young readers

### Discussion ideas

- 1 Get the children to flick through the magazine and ask them what catches their eye straight away.
- 2 Ask the children to tell you their favourite fact from the Factopia page - they could find out what the favourite fact of the class is.
- 3 Ask the children to make a timeline of the historical events on the 26 things to know about 2026 page.
- 4 Can the children come up with any other captions for the photographs on the Funny Animals page?
- 5 Ask the children if there are any topics they would like to research further after reading the magazine.
- 6 Puzzle break - pick any time at all during the as a time when the children can have ten minutes to do any of the puzzles in the magazine.
- 7 Find subject-related books in the library/ class library if available e.g. books about polar exploration, fact books, joke books and books with good photographs so that the children can browse these if they feel inspired.

### Pole to pole questions

- 1 What are the differences between the North and South Poles?
- 2 Do you think the Inuit helpers have received enough credit for their role in polar exploration?
- 3 What did the explorers need to complete an expedition to the North or South Pole? Do you think modern day explorers need the same things?
- 4 What adaptations have the animals of the polar regions evolved to survive?

### The big questions

- 1 What does elliptical mean?
- 2 What forces keep the planets in orbit?
- 3 Do you think it is ethical to send animals into space?
- 4 What do you think a black hole sounds like? Can you find out?

