

# AQ26 - Arctic Activities

## Eskimo months based on nature

Eskimos name the months on what they observe in nature and the cycle of the moon. This gives them 13 months instead of 12.

- 1 = It is cold
- 2 = The sun returns
- 3 = The sun is rising
- 4 = The baby seals arrive
- 5 = The seals take to water
- 6 = The seals shed their coats
- 7 = The caribou young are born
- 8 = The birds are nesting
- 9 = The young birds are hatched
- 10 = The caribou migrate
- 11 = The time to have a wife
- 12 = The ice is making in the bays
- 13 = The sun disappears



Challenge Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to come up with their own description of our normal 12 months based on what is observed in nature.

### **MAKE IT BIGGER**

Over the course of 28 days, record the shape of the moon each night. This can be done by drawing in a grid or cutting out shapes from white paper and sticking to black card. This would go towards Astronomers badge.