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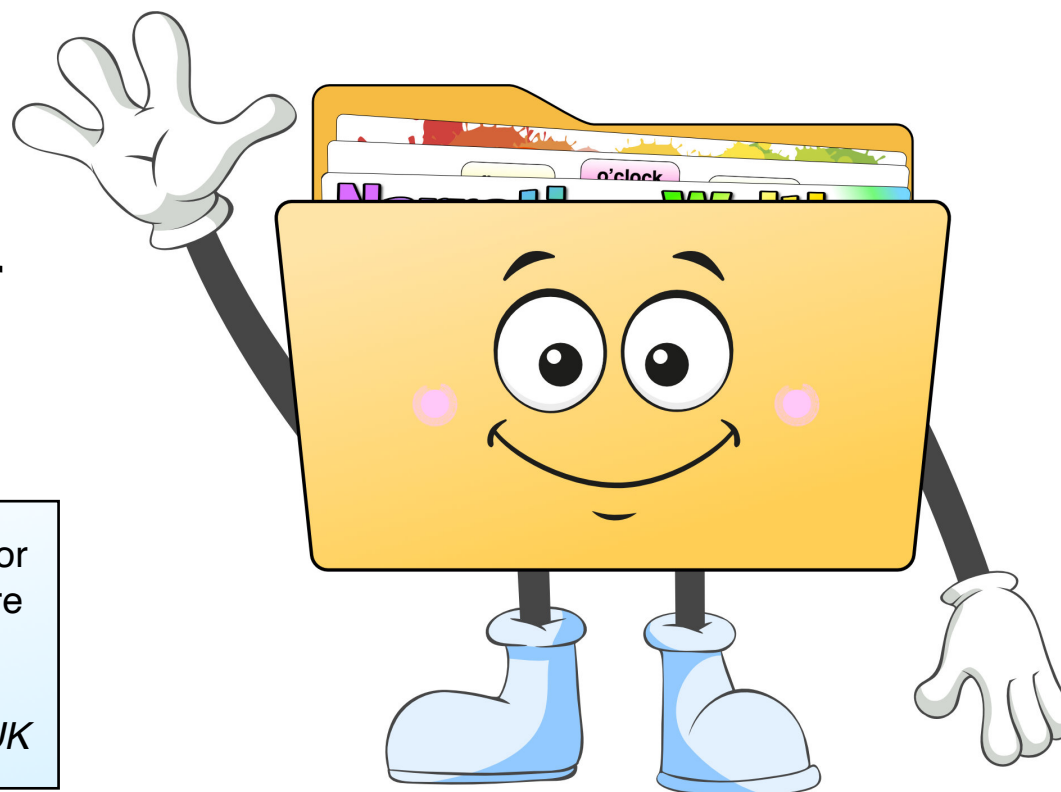
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Lapland is part of Finland and is located above the Arctic Circle. It is Finland's largest region and also the most sparsely populated. Only about 170,000 people live in the 100,000 square kilometres (about 380,000 square miles).

Lapland



A snow-covered forest in Lapland.



There is, of course, one very famous and important resident: Santa Claus!

Lapland

While Lapland is an official region of Finland, the area traditionally known as Lapland stretches much further, into Russia to the east and Norway and Sweden to the west. The local Sami people call the area Sápmi.



A map showing Lapland or Sápmi.



A young Sami girl.

Large areas of Lapland are covered in pine forest. The climate in the area is subarctic, with extremely cold winters and milder summers.

Plants and Animals in Lapland

Lapland has a large variety of plant and animal life. The forest includes pine, spruce and birch trees. In winter, skiing through the forests is popular, while in summer, hikers explore them.



In the long summer days, wild flowers and plants are colourful. The beautiful blue Alpine gentian blooms in July and August.

An Arctic fox.



Reindeer are the most famous Lapland animals; the region has more reindeer than people! The reindeer eat lichen as well as fungi and other Arctic plants. The vast wilderness is also home to animals like brown bears, Arctic foxes and golden eagles.

A golden eagle.



A brown bear.

