EYFS Topic 'Bears' Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary			Exciting Books
Species	A group of animals, plants or other living things that all share common characteristics and that are all classified as alike in some manner.		We're Going on a Bear Hunt Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury
Habitat	The home of an animal or a plant.		FRIEND BEAR
Adapt	A special skill which helps an animal to survive and do everything it needs to do		
Hibernate	A way that some animals deal with the	Sticky Knowledge about	JEZ ALBOROUGH
	harshness of winter. They curl up in a safe place and stay there until winter ends. Hibernating animals seem almost dead. They barely breathe, and their body temperature is near the freezing mark. In warmer weather they return to their regular activities	the bears	Can you tell which part of the world these bears are from?
Bear	Large, powerful mammals related to dogs and raccoons	☐ Bears are mammals	
Mammal	A mammal is an animal that breathes air, has a backbone, and grows hair at some point during its life.	☐ There are 8 species of bears in the world	
Claws	A sharp usually thin and curved nail on the finger or toe of an animal	☐ Most bears eat fish but some species eat plants	
Fur	The short, fine, soft hair of certain animals	☐ Bears have one of the best senses of smell in the world	
Paws	An animal's foot having claws and pads	In the North, bears do not actually hibernate in the winter, they just take very long naps.	
Polar	Relating to the North or South Pole	☐ A Teddy Bear is one of the world most popular soft toys	
Fishing	The activity of catching fish, either for food or as a sport.	Michael Rosen was the author of the well-known book 'We are Going on a Bear Hunt.'	
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