



St Leo's and Southmead
Catholic Nursery and Primary
School

Year
Two

Geography Knowledge Organiser

Spring
Term

Amazing Activity

To produce a weather broadcast based upon the weather experienced in different locations in Australia.

Where in the world is Australia ?

Key Concepts

- Australia is the one of the seven continents of the world.
- Australia is the sixth largest country by land area in the world
- Australia has six states and two territories
- Canberra is the capital of Australia
- Use a compass to locate human and physical features upon a map.
- The six physical features of Australia are Mt Kosciuszko, the Murray River, the Great Victoria Desert, Lake Eyre, Ayers Rock and 90 Mile Beach (in Victoria).
- The weather and climate is different across Australia.
- Darwin in the Northern Territory of Australia has a tropical climate. This means it has a wet and dry season.
- Hobart in Tasmania is the most southern city in Australia and is the closest city to Antarctica. It experiences mild temperatures and a winter and summer season.



Curriculum Links

- **Literacy Link:** Opportunities for the children to use books and websites to research countries within Australia.
- **Maths Link:** Opportunities for the children to utilise positional language and coordinates when using maps.

Skills

- Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans
- Find Australia on a world map using map skills
- Using an atlas label each of the six states and two territories that make up the country.
- Compare the human and physical geographical features of Australia saying how they are similar and different to those in England.
- Use Google Earth to start at school and zoom out and explore different countries.
- Observe **aerial view** photographs and know what they show

Key Vocabulary

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Aboriginal	having lived or existed in a place since the earliest time.
Aerial View	a view from above.
Capital City	the city where the government sits.
Climate	the general weather conditions usually found in a particular place
Continent	a continuous expanse of land.
Compass	a device for finding direction with a needle that can move easily
Human Features	Features on land created by humans such as buildings and bridges.
Island	a piece of land that is completely surrounded by water
Ocean	an ocean is a large area of water between continents
Physical Features	natural features on land such as mountains, rivers and lakes.
Weather	the conditions in the air such as wind, rain or temperature at a particular time