

# Let's Visit Australia

## Overview of unit / topic

In this topic children will discover how Australia's states and territories piece together to make-up the vast continent and will be able to visualise and describe the many varied landscapes. The children will use maps and symbols to improve their mapping skills and find out where Australia's animals live and what they eat. They will go on to explore the culture and lifestyle of some typical Australian children and make comparisons between Australia and the United Kingdom.

## Key Questions

- Where is Australia?
- Did you know that Australia is the sixth largest country in the world and it is also a continent?
- Do you know what a compass is? What do we use a compass for?
- What do you think the weather is like in Australia?
- Do you think the weather is the same in every Australian territory?
- Can you describe the different types of weather in Australia?
- What is the weather like on Christmas day in Australia?
- What does physical feature mean?
- Do you know any animals found in Australia?
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## Key Vocabulary

Australia  
Territory  
Weather  
Climate  
Seasons  
Compass  
Physical feature

## Key Knowledge and Understanding: What will we be learning about in this unit / topic?

- To know Australia and where it is in the world.
- To be able to use a compass and explore what north, south, east and west are.
- To explore Australia's climate and weather.
- To understand that weather seasons are different across the world.
- To compare the weather in Australia and the UK on Christmas day.
- To explore and describe what a physical feature is and to name some found in Australia.
- To investigate Australia's unusual animals.