

Year 2

Topic:

Links to other year groups:

Geography Knowledge Organiser

Australia

Key Vocabulary:

country - a country is land that is controlled by a single government.

continent - a large solid mass of land: one of Earth's seven main divisions of land (Asia, Africa, N.America, S.America, Antarctica, Europe & Australia.)

island - a body of land surrounded by water.

borders - the boundary (edge) between two places.

states - an area with boundaries organised into its own political unit.

compass - a device that indicates direction.

climate - a long-term pattern of weather in a particular area.

Human Geographical Features:



Sydney Opera House



Gold Coast, Brisbane



Sydney Harbour Bridge

Physical Geographical Features:



Mount Kosciuszko



Murray River



Great Victoria Desert



Lake Eyre



Ayers Rock (Uluru)



Ninety Mile Beach



Great Barrier Reef

Map:



Key facts:

Capital City – Canberra

Population – 25.69 million

Australia is the world's sixth largest country. It is made up of 6 states as shown in this picture. Each state has its own capital.



Sequence of Lessons: brief summary of lesson content			
	Geography - What is it like to live in Australia?	History - How significant was the exploration of Australia by Captain Cook?	
1	Where are we? – Identifying and locating continents and oceans and locating the United Kingdom on a map.	Who was Captain Cook? – When was he alive and what did he do?	1
2	Let's Fly to Australia- Locating Australia on a map and understanding how far away it is from the United Kingdom.	Captain Cook's exploration of Australia – Learning about his journey & what he found.	2
3	What should we do in Sydney? – What is Sydney like and why is it popular with tourists?	Captain Cook's journey – Comparing a journey to Australia today with a journey from 1768.	3
4	What is it like to live in Australia? – Exploring relationship between the environment and what people can do there and comparing this with the United Kingdom.	Captain Cook's crew – Conditions onboard his ship.	4
5	The sun has got his hat on – Climate and weather throughout Australia.	Captain Cook's legacy – What impact has he had on future generations?	5
6	Surfing the Waves – Recognising different environments within Australia and how they are portrayed.		
7	Experiencing Uluru – Understanding that different groups of people may see and 'use' a place in different ways.		
8	Coral Reef or Rainforest? – To develop locational knowledge and understanding that there are a wide variety of landscapes and habitats in Australia.		
9	What have we learnt? – Australia double page spread		