

What do you know about Australia?

In this unit of work the children will learn about Australia and will identify the route of Amy Johnson. Children will compare Australia to the UK and will explore similarities and differences between opposing cities such as London and Canberra and Hull and Sydney. Human and physical features of each city will be recognised such as landmarks, animals and oceans.

In this unit children will:

- Know how to locate the UK and Australia on a map.
- Understand the location of each country and they are in the northern hemisphere or southern hemisphere.
- Develop knowledge of route Amy Johnson took on her flight from London to Darwin by using ariel photos.
- Identify human and physical features on a map of the UK and Australia.
- Distinguish a variety of landmarks from the UK and Australia.
- Recognise similarities and differences between London and Canberra.
- Identify animals native to each country.
- Compare the weather and seasons in Australia to here in the UK.

Prior Learning

Year 1 Continents, oceans and hot vs cold countries

Cross Curricular Links

History Amy Johnson

Literacy Traditional Tales from other countries, Australian Folk stories, Australian animal poetry, Australian landmark information leaflet.

Science animals

Art Aboriginal Art

DT Recreating iconic Australian landmarks from different construction materials and making a diggeridoo

Key Vocabulary

ariel view - a view from above.

capital city - the city where the government sits. London is the capital city of England and the UK.

city - a large town. London is a city.

continent - any of the world's main expanses of land.

human features - features of land that have been impacted by human activity.

landmark - an object or feature of a landscape or town that is easily seen and recognised from a distance, especially one that enables someone to establish their location.

map - a pictorial representation of an area of land or sea.

physical features - natural features of land

route - way or course taken in getting from a starting point to a destination.

seasons - each of the four divisions of the year marked by particular weather patterns and daylight hours, resulting from the earth's changing position with regard to the sun.

time zone - is one of the areas into which the world is divided where the time is calculated as being a particular number of hours behind or ahead of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time).

Key Knowledge

- Amy Johnson was born in Hull, East Riding of Yorkshire, and was a pioneering English female pilot who was the first woman to fly solo from London to Australia.
- The United Kingdom is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is in the Atlantic Ocean.
- Australia is a country and a continent surrounded by the Indian and Pacific Oceans. Australia is the 6th largest in the world.
- Compared to the seasons in the UK (spring, summer, autumn and winter) Australia differ.
- In Australia, the four seasons are summer, autumn, winter and spring. The seasons are identified by the group of calendar months which they belong to. In Summer (December, January and February), the weather is hot. Some parts of Australia are humid and other parts are dry. In Autumn (March, April and May), the weather becomes cooler. In Winter (June, July and August), the weather is cold and rain and storms are common. Some places in Australia get snow. In Spring (September, October and November), the weather becomes warmer, however, it is still very mixed. There can be rain, wind and cool days.
- Top 10 Australian landmarks; Sydney Opera House, Sydney Opera House, Uluru, Heart Reef, Port Arthur, Kakadu, Kangaroo Island, Melbourne Cricket Ground, Bondi Beach, Shark Bay and Ballarat.
- Top 10 British landmarks; Stonehenge, Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Roman Baths, Lake District National Park, Eden Project, Yorkshire Dales, Hadrian's Wall and Loch Ness.
- Cities in Australia are Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Gold Coast, Newcastle and Canberra.



- Cities in the UK are Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Belfast and Sheffield.
- Animals found in Australia are kangaroos, koala, galah, wombat, Tasmanian devil, numbat, emu and echidna.
- Animals found in the UK are red deer, squirrels, grey seals, hedgehogs, otters and owls.

Key Questions

Who is Amy Johnson?

Why do we learn about her now?

What continents did she fly over to reach her final destination?

What is a landmark? Can you name a landmark in Australia?

What is a capital city?

How does Canberra differ to London?

What is the similar about Canberra differ to London?

On a map can you locate a human feature?

On a map can you locate a physical feature?