

Mill Rythe Around the World Week 4: Australasia

Did you guess where we were off to this week? Watch the reveal here:

<https://youtu.be/MFWMF2HyfPc>

Australasia is the smallest continent. It includes Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, and some of the small islands in between. Australia is bordered by the Indian Ocean on the west and the Pacific Ocean on the east. Australia has been cut off from the other continents for so long that it has animals that are not found anywhere else on Earth, like the kangaroo and koala. The region known as Oceania includes thousands of tiny islands that are not part of any continent, spread out over a vast area of the Pacific Ocean.



The largest island of Oceania is Australia. Oceania includes 14 countries: Australia, Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Oceania's biggest and most populous city is Sydney. More than 4.5 million people live in this Australian city. Sydney has the most diverse and multicultural population in Oceania as more than 250 languages are spoken.

The highest mountain on land is Mount Cook in New Zealand. The mountain which is referred to also as Aoraki is 3,754 metres/12,316 ft high.

The most diverse landscape is in Australia and New Zealand due to its varied climatic regions. In Australia, there are rainforests and deserts as well as dry forests whereas in New Zealand there are alpine regions with only sparse vegetation, such as the Southern Alps with the glaciers. The Pacific Ocean islands have a tropical vegetation with tropical rainforests and palm trees.

The climate of the Oceania region is diverse. The highest temperatures in Oceania are reached in the Australian outback with extremes of 50 °C (123 °F) and the lowest temperatures are measured in New Zealand with -25 °C (-14 °F).



Week 4 -Activity 1 - Australia (Geography)

Welcome to Australia! Miss Ifould's launch video: <https://youtu.be/axAN7FDyFz8>

Step 1 – Download and read the information page about Australia and complete the table below:

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/australia-facts.html>

<https://youtu.be/f0PvMmTAUQAQ>

Capital City:	
Currency (money):	
Major religion:	
Languages:	
Climate:	
Draw the flag:	

Remember to colour Australia on your maps!

Step 2 – Print out or draw the map of Australia below and add the following features to your map:

1. Label the 7 different states and their state capital cities.
2. Use this physical map to label as many of these features as you can:
 - Indian Ocean
 - Coral Sea
 - Great Barrier Reef
 - Torres Strait
 - Tasman Sea
 - Murray River
 - Great Australian Bight
 - Bass Strait



Map: <https://lizardpoint.com/geography/images/maps/australia-physical-labeled.gif>

Optional Step 3 – Create a poster or create your own TV advertising Australia advert as a place to visit. What things could you see there?



Week 4 -Activity 2– Australia Natural Landmarks (Geography)

Step 1 - Download and read the information about Australia's natural landmarks and watch

Step 2 - Choose one of the landmarks below to research in more detail. There are some links to websites to help you.

Step 3 - Create an **information guide** about your chosen landmark telling people all about it. Or you could create a **video documentary** about it too! You could be creative and create some art work or models of your chosen landmark.

1. The Great Barrier Reef

<https://barrierreef.org/kids>

https://kids.kiddle.co/Great_BARRIER_Reef

<https://youtu.be/61RzwbSoeU>

Watch Finding Nemo for inspiration!



2. Uluru/Ayers Rock

<https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/earth/uluru.html>

<https://kids.kiddle.co/Uluru>

<https://youtu.be/OPcCWbpAU1g>

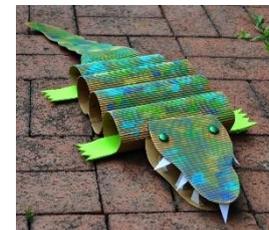


3. Kakadu National Park

https://kids.kiddle.co/Kakadu_National_Park

4. Daintree Rainforest

<https://www.kidzone.ws/habitats/daintree-rainforest.htm>



5. Cradle Mountain

https://kids.kiddle.co/Cradle_Mountain-Lake_St_Clair_National_Park

6. Snowy Mountain

https://kids.kiddle.co/Snowy_Mountains



7. Flinders Ranges

https://kids.kiddle.co/Flinders_Ranges

8. Ningaloo Reef and Shark Bay

https://kids.kiddle.co/Ningaloo_Reef

Optional extras:

- Find out about Australia animals and create a guide to them.
- Have a go at drawing a Kangaroo or Koala (download the guide).
- Make some Australian food or have a family BBQ in your garden!
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/australia-day>

Week 4 -Activity 3– Aboriginal Culture (Cultural capital/Geography/History)

Step 1 – Who are the Aborigines?

Download and read the information about Aborigines, dreaming and the stories and watch these videos about Australia’s history.

<https://youtu.be/QIDDIDS2Tjk>

https://kids.kiddle.co/Indigenous_Australians

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/43710833>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/znyr87h>

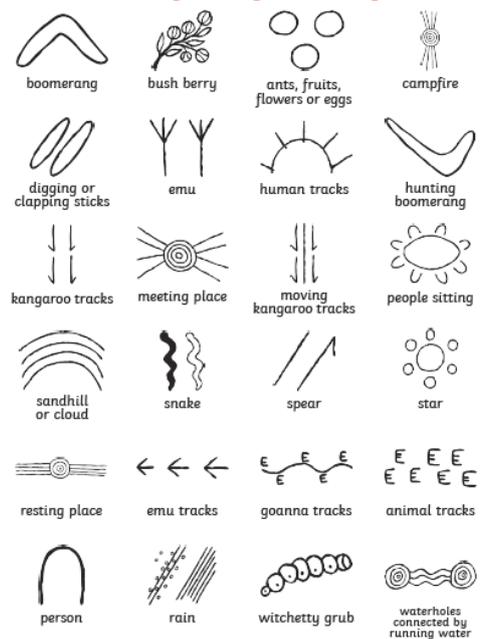
Write some facts you have learnt in your books.

Step 2 – Choose one of the stories to retell either as a written story, comic strip, stop motion animation, puppets, or act it out! You decide!

Optional extras:

- Listen to some Aboriginal music - <https://youtu.be/rlsO0H3K2tA>
- Watch an aboriginal dance show: https://youtu.be/OhyKsEn6_So
- Use symbols opposite to create your own aboriginal art work. You could paint them on to stones or use chalk on the ground.
- Aboriginal art

Aboriginal Symbols Key



Week 4 -Activity 4– New Zealand (Geography and DT)

Welcome to New Zealand: <https://youtu.be/xf3l6P2m6Cw>

Step 1 – Read the information page and watch the videos about New Zealand and complete the table below:

<https://youtu.be/ntBx9mkY7vw>

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/new-zealand-facts.html>

Capital City:	
Currency (money):	
Major religion:	
Languages:	
Interesting facts:	
Draw the flag:	

Remember to colour New Zealand on your maps!

Step 2- Read about the Kiwi bird (on the download) and watch the video:

<https://youtu.be/NPc25pbM95c>

Step 3 - Create a factfile or your own or poster about the Kiwi bird. Or film your own David Attenborough style documentary! **Extension:** Complete the lifecycle of a Kiwi bird cut and stick booklet.

Optional activities:

- You could complete one of these Kiwi bird crafts such as sewing!

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/kiwi-crafts>



- Find out more about the Maori tribe and the Haka dance. (Watch it here: <https://youtu.be/wOuyclaj-s>) <https://www.newzealand.com/uk/feature/haka/>
- Watch the Disney movie 'Moana'.

NEXT WEEK'S CONTINENT CLUES:

<https://youtu.be/9mU2-zo0hVE>

Where do you think we are going next?