



# Year 1 – Spring 1 – Wombat Stew

## Australia

This half term we will be learning the names of the 7 continents. We will also be studying Australia; comparing Sydney to our local area and thinking about how wind and water contributed to the Australian bushfires.

### Geography

#### Key Questions

- What are the four seasons and what is the weather like in each season?
- What are the seven continents of the world and where is the equator?
- What are the names of some hot and cold countries?
- What are the similarities and differences between Sydney and Warwick?
- Why did wind and water cause bushfires to affect Australia?

#### Australia

Capital City: Canberra

Famous landmarks: Sydney Opera House

Australian Bushfires: Large uncontrollable fires – can begin naturally (lightning strikes) or man-made (campfires). The bush is dry and hot so there is less water to stop them spreading. Fires spread more quickly because of the wind.



#### Key Vocabulary:



##### **Continent**

A large area of land made up of countries.



##### **Country**

Land controlled by a government.



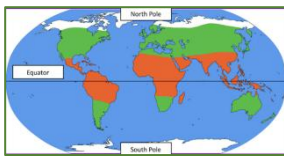
##### **Globe**

A 3D representation of the Earth.



##### **Equator**

An imaginary line that runs around the centre of Earth.



##### **Hot/Cold Areas**

Countries close to the equator are hotter. Countries further away from the equator are colder.



##### **Map**

A flattened globe.



##### **Season**

Four parts of the year: Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter.



##### **Environment**

The things that surround where we live, e.g. people, animals, plants.

#### Home Learning Suggestions

- See if you can find where you live on a map or a globe. Can you compare this to where Australia is? If you don't have one at home, try using Google Earth.
- Can you find out 3 interesting facts about Australia? You can present this however you wish – a poster, a booklet, a video etc.
- Try to learn the names of all the continents by using this song:

