

**AUSTRALIA…here we come!**

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| **Australia** |  | **Australian Culture**  |
|  |  | **Sports** | Rugby World Cup: the Australian situation | Australians are passionate about sport. Cricket, football and rugby are the most popular. During this half term, we will be cheering them on as they take part in a national tournament – The Rugby World Cup! |
| **Being outdoors** | Surf Australia: where to find the best breaks - Lonely Planet | Australians take advantage of their beautiful coastlines and enjoy being outdoors. They often have BBQs on the beach, go surfing, kayaking or even fishing. |
|  | Aboriginal tribes | 11 Facts About Aboriginal Australian Ceremonies | It’s believed that Aboriginal Australians have in Australia for more than 50 000 years. This makes them one of the oldest living civilizations on the planet. Many of these cultures share a close connection to the natural environment, to river systems, and to nature.  |
| Continents Of The World |  |  |  |  |
| **Physical Features of Australia** |
| Australian Outback |  | The Outback is the large, remote desert wilderness of Australia. It is dry and arid, with few people, and difficult living conditions. Venomous snakes and spiders live here. |
| **Australia** | **Australia** is one of the largest countries in the world. Australia has a wide variety of landscapes, including, rainforests, the outback and the great barrier reef. The main language spoken in Australia is English. | Animals |  | Due to its remoteness from the rest of the world, and the relatively late arrival of modern human settlers, Australia has an array of unusual plants and animals. Many animals (named marsupials) are found nowhere else in the world. Examples include kangaroos, koala bears and dingoes. Many animals are extremely dangerous, e.g. poisonous snakes, spiders and also saltwater crocodiles. |
| Wonderful Weather | **Australia's** four seasons are at **opposite** times to ours. When it is winter here, it is summer there; when it is spring here, it is autumn there, etc. This is because we are at opposites sides of the Earth. Also, when it is day time here, it is night time in Australia! How wonderful! |  | The Great Barrier Reef |  | The Great Barrier Reef is the world’s largest coral reef system, made of over 2,900 individual reefs. They extend for over 2,300km. It is the world’s largest living organism, and contains a huge variety of marine life. The Great Barrier Reef is in danger because of climate change and overfishing. |
| Continents of the world | **Australia** is a big country but it is also one of the smallest continents. There are seven main continents in the world. They are: Asia, Africa, Antarctica, South America, North America, Europe and Australia. |

 **KEY VOCABULARY**

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| **continent** | A large area of land | **harbour** | A safe place for boats and ships, next to the coast |
| **country** | A land that is controlled by a single government | **vegetation** | The plant life of a particular place |
| **indigenous** | The first people to ever live in a place | **climate** | The measurement of weather over a long time in a particular place (What the weather is usually like) |
| **marsupials** | A group of animals that are known to carry their young in their pouch | **coast** | Where land meets the sea or ocean |