

Year 2  
Autumn term  
2024 - 2025

# DOWN UNDER

## HOW IS LIFE DIFFERENT IN AUSTRALIA COMPARED TO THE UK?

### RE – Being Human and Life Journeys

In Year 2, we will be focusing on the religion of Islam. We will learn about the 5 pillars of Islam and explore some of the key beliefs, comparing them with the religion of Christianity. In term 2, we will look at how the religions of Christianity and Islam welcome new babies.

### PSHE

We will be following the program Zippy's Friends. In Year 2, we will be learning how to improve our communications skills. We will be looking at being a good listener and knowing who can help us to say what we want to say.

### PE

Autumn 1 – We will be exploring different tag-based movements in a range of games. We will also be working on our coordination, footwork and developing our balance using one leg.

Autumn 2 – We are fortunate enough to have NK Dance coming in, who will work with us to create our own dance sequence. We will also be working on our dynamic balance to agility - for example, jumping and landing.

### Computing – Coding / Online safety

In computing, we will be learning how to code using simple algorithms, also known as instructions.

In term 2, we will be exploring the importance of online safety and how we can keep safe.

### Geography/ History

We will be learning about Australia comparing it with the UK. We will contrast and compare different physical and human geographical features between the two countries. Children will continue to develop their map skills.

### Values

#### Autumn 1 – Hope and Trust

This term, the children will focus on hope and trust. They will explore hope and trust within the bible and what it looks like within the community.

#### Autumn 2 - Peace

This term, the children will focus on the value of peace. We learn what peace is and how we can show peace. We will focus on how we can be peaceful and the different ways we can show this.

### Science - Materials

We will be learning about materials and answering the question 'Why do the properties of a waterproof coat make it fit for its purpose?' We will conduct experiments identifying an object's properties and how they are fit for their purpose.

### Art/ DT

Art-Exploring techniques to make texture by using charcoal and different materials and creating illustrations using sketching.

DT- Creating a front cover of a book using levers and sliders. We will visit our Central library to explore different books.

### Music

We are very lucky that Lincolnshire Music Service will be coming in to deliver our music lessons in the autumn term. During these lessons, the children will be taught how to play the toots. They will begin to explore letter notation and how this can be presented on a musical stave. In addition to this, we will be putting on our annual nativity play which will involve lots of singing and of course performing on the stage!

### Special days

WOW day – I am a Year 2 get me out of here!

Trip to the library – Date TBC  
Forest School – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

### How to help at home:

1. Please make sure your child reads to an adult at home as much as possible. You can use the reading record provided to make notes of your reading activities.
2. Please also help and encourage your child to practice their weekly phonics and spellings patterns – please look back over previous weeks too so we can ensure these are not forgotten!
3. We would love to hear about or see any additional reading or research linked to our topics or learning. Please share with us anything extra you do at home.
4. Learning your 2,5 and 10 x tables!
5. Playing TT Rock stars