

Year 2  
Autumn term  
2025 - 2026

# DOWN UNDER

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

### RE – Being Human and Life Journeys

In term 1, 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 will be developing our balancing skills with a focus on creating a range of static and dynamic movements.

### 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 Honesty

This term the children will focus on honesty. They will explore honesty within the bible and what honesty looks like within the community.

#### Autumn 2 Love

This term the children will focus on the value of love. We learn what love is and how we can show love. We will focus on what we love about ourselves and we can use this to love others.

### Science - Materials

We will be learning about different materials and their properties. We will explore why certain materials are used for different products that we use and why these materials 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 local library to explore different books.

### Music

Autumn 1 – During our music lessons, we are going to explore call and response songs. We will be clapping different rhythms and practice layering up different sounds.

Autumn 2 – In the second term, we will be exploring different instruments and how they are used to make different sounds. We will learn about tempo and dynamics and how instruments can make different sound effects.

### Special days

WOW day – Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

October 2025

Trip to the library – Date TBC  
Forest School – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
October 2025

### 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.