



Year 1 and 2 Summer term 2, 2026 Comparing the UK to Australia



Maths

Year 1

Time: We will cover five main concepts: telling time to the hour and half hour; using terms such as 'next', 'before' and 'after'; estimating durations of time and comparing time.

Money: Recognising coins and notes.

Volume and Capacity: Comparing volume and capacity, using terms such as 'more than' and 'less than'. Finding volume and capacity using non-standard units.

Year 2

Fractions: Naming fractions of the same denominations, equal fractions, looking at halves, quarters, comparing and ordering fractions.

Time: Recognising time to 5 minutes and comparing lengths of time.

Volume: Comparing volume, measuring in litres and millilitres.

English

This term we will be reading *Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson. It is a cumulative, rhyming story, which will help the children recognise repeated language patterns and join in with familiar phrases. We will focus on building vocabulary linked to characters, feelings and actions, and using simple conjunctions such as *and* and *because* to extend sentences. The children will also practise basic sentence structure, including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, and begin to use adjectives to make their writing more interesting.

PSHE

The children will describe how they feel using appropriate vocabulary, recognising what different emotions might look/feel like. They will describe situations which may provoke certain feelings and describe their own qualities and strengths and recognise something they want to get better at. During our PSHE AND Science work the children will learn how to explain how rest and relaxation affects their bodies, including mental functions.

Computing

This term, pupils will learn about life aboard the International Space Station (ISS) and how astronauts survive in space. They will explore basic human needs, read temperatures, design sensor displays, create algorithms for plant growth, and investigate how space exploration benefits life on Earth. Pupils will also use data to identify whether a planet may be habitable.

RE

Over the Summer term we will explore Judaism. We will discover the main beliefs, the Synagogue and the Torah, their special book. We will learn about the meaning of their main festivals and how they are celebrated. We will also learn about important Jewish traditions and how they are followed in everyday life. In addition, we will explore how Jewish beliefs and practices help to guide and shape the Jewish community around the world.

PE

The children will continue exploring and developing their ball skills such as throwing, catching, rolling and dribbling with both hands and feet. They will look to perform these skills with increasing control and accuracy using coordination and balance. Sports day details will follow.

Science

This term, our topic is Plant-based Materials. The children will learn about how plants can be used to make useful materials and how we can help care for the environment by reducing, reusing and recycling. They will explore how paper is made and create their own recycled paper. The children will also make eco-friendly plant pots and learn about the conditions seeds need to grow well.

Geography

This half term, Year 1 will be learning about the UK and Australia and comparing our local area with a small area in Australia. The children will use maps, globes and atlases to locate the UK, Australia, continents and oceans, and begin to use simple compass directions and directional language to describe locations. They will explore similarities and differences between the two places by looking at human and physical features such as houses, parks, beaches and landmarks. The children will also study aerial photographs, recognise local landmarks, and create their own simple sketch maps using symbols, colours and labels.

Art/Music

Art

Exploring and creating maps through various art forms, including drawing, working in relief, printmaking, and designing stained glass.

Music

Our unit this term is based around Structure. Investigating musical structure by listening to, analysing and performing a song based on a well-known myth.