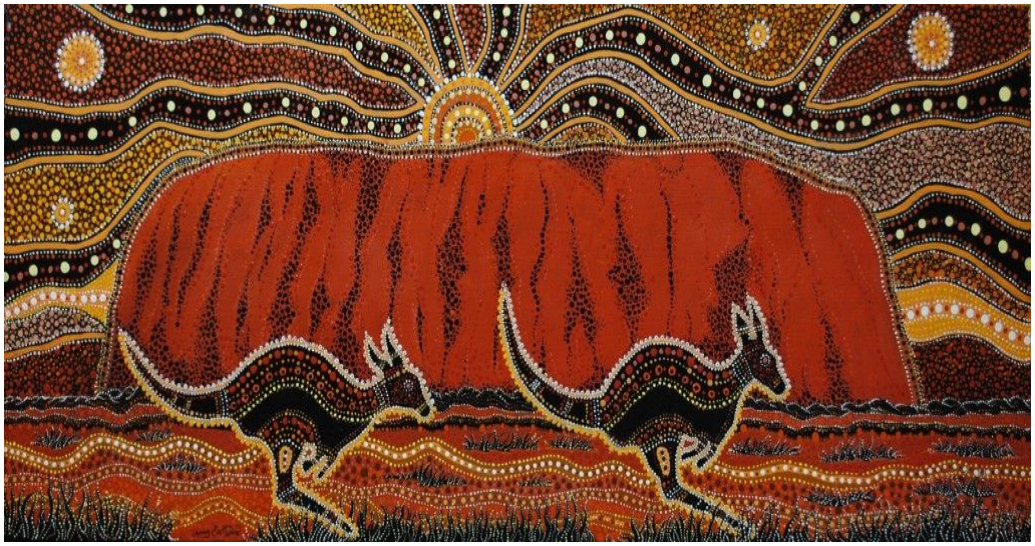
Key Stage 1 - Forest Academy
Knowledge organiser – Australia

Know how to…

- Develop a range of art and design techniques using pattern
- Use a range of materials creatively to create a design
- Locate Australia on a map
- Use basic geographical vocabulary to describe physical features
- Understanding geographic similarities and differences through comparing the UK and Australia

Aboriginal Art



- Aboriginal art is art made by the indigenous people of Australia.
- It is one of the oldest art forms that is still practised today.
- There is no written language for Australian Aboriginal people so in order to convey their stories they used symbols through their artwork.

Key Vocabulary

aboriginal	The original people living within a region.
beach	The land at the edge of a lake, ocean, or other body of water.
Canberra	The capital of Australia.
desert	A very dry, sandy area with few or no plants growing in it.
dot painting	A style of Australian Aboriginal painting using coloured dots.
Indigenous	Having origin in a country or locality.
lake	A large body of fresh or salt water that is surrounded on all sides by land.
mountain	A land mass with great height and steep sides that is higher than a hill.
river	A large natural stream of water flowing in a particular course toward a lake, ocean, or other body of water.
rock	A solid mass made up of minerals.
states	A territory with its own government and borders within a larger country.
Sydney	The largest city in Australia. It is in the South East of Australia in New South Wales.
Uluru	A large isolated rock. Also known as Ayers Rock.

Map of Australia



Christmas in Australia



Australia is located in the southern hemisphere. This means that in Australia, Christmas is celebrated in the middle of summer. The hot weather means some aspects of Christmas are very different compared to other, colder countries.

Food: As it is very hot, Australians often choose to have a barbeque on Christmas day. Some people choose to eat seafood as part of the Christmas dinner. On Boxing Day, families may go for a picnic.
Activities: Australians sometimes go to the beach and go swimming on Christmas day. Instead of making snowmen, they make sandmen on the beach. Some people may also choose to play a game of cricket.
Santa: When Father Christmas lands in Australia, he wears a red shirt and shorts as it would be much too hot to where his thick, furry suit in the Australian summer.

Physical Features

 Mt. Kosciuszko	Mt. Kosciuszko is a type of **mountain.** It is the highest in Australia.
 Murray River	Murray River is a type of **river**. It is the longest river in Australia.
 Ayers Rock	Ayers Rock is a type of **rock** formation. It is also known as Uluru.
 Great Victorian Desert	The Great Victorian desert is a type of **desert**. It is the largest desert in Australia.
 Ninety Mile Beach	The Ninety Mile Beach is a type of **beach**. It is the longest beach in Australia.
 Lake Eyre	Lake Eyre is a type of **lake**. It is the largest lake in Australia.