Christ the Sower Ecumenical Primary School

GEOGRAPHY
Knowledge Organiser

Year 6 – Spring 2
Australia

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Focus Question: How is Australia different from the United Kingdom?

Key Vocabulary

First Nations	the original peoples of Australia
Colonisation	taking control of another land and its people
State	one of Australia's major political areas
Territory	an area governed under different constitutional arrangements
Arid	very dry, with little rain
Coral reef	a habitat formed by living coral animals
Biodiversity	the variety of living things

Key Learning

- Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere; Canberra is its capital.
- Australia has six states and two main mainland territories.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples lived there before 1788.
- The tropical north, dry interior and temperate south differ.
- The Great Barrier Reef is important but faces threats.

Geography in Action



The continent

States, territories and landscapes.



People and history

First Nations and colonisation.



Environment

Varied climates and reef protection.

Remember and Try

- Locate Australian regions and landmarks.
- Describe First Nations cultures and historical change.
- Explain why reef habitats need protecting.

End Point

I can describe Australia's geography, recognise First Nations history and explain environmental differences and threats.