



Picknall's First School  
This half term Year 1's topic will be Australia  
Please help your child to explore this topic;



In **Geography** we will be investigating where Australia is in the world and what natural and man-made features can be found there.

As **artists** we will paint pictures of animals that can be found in Australia and make models of them.



Within **music** we will sing songs and find out how different sounds can be made



### Key Questions

Where do you think Australia is in the world?

Which Oceans surround Australia?

What can you find out?

As **scientists** we will look at ourselves.

We will label Australian animals, looking at their young and understanding some life cycles.

In **ICT**

Within **PE** we will be focusing on multi skills. We will look at ways of moving and travelling like Australian animals.



### Literacy

During this half term we will work on sentence structure to make our writing accurate and interesting. All of our sentences will start with a capital letter and end with a full stop. We will read picture books about Australia, such as Possum Magic and Diary of a Wombat and then use these as a focus for writing short stories. We will also look at poems and narratives that rhyme. Weekly spellings will be given to learn for a test the following week and phonics will be taught daily.

### Numeracy

During this half term we will be learning to count reliably objects and work within the teens numbers. Add a small number by counting on. Add 1p and 2p to different amounts. Know the key events in the day and tell the time to an hour. Begin to measure different lengths accurately. Look at symmetrical patterns. Begin to understand subtraction as take away. A Mental Maths booklet will be given to work through at home.