

# Virtual Australian Adventure



**Home to over 300 native mammals, including marsupials!**  
In partnership with our friends at Twinkl Home Ed we're taking a trip to Australia...are you ready to journey down under?

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Australian' board over on [www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily](https://www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily)

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# Meet the FAMILY

Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



## PAWPRINT BADGES

Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

Every activity helps you share skills for life and is linked to one of our pawesome embroidered badges. Build your collection and celebrate adventures, new skills and knowledge gained.

## PAWPRINT TRAILS

Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

## PAWPRINT TALES

Pawprint Tales are fully illustrated stories that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Join Alfie (our fox-red Labrador) on his adventures around the UK - solving puzzles, turning detective and making new friends. With twists and turns, every tale is an opportunity to discover new places, people and history without needing to leave the comfort of your own home.

Enjoy Pawprint Tales alongside your Pawprint Trails or as a standalone adventure!

## PAWPRINT TRUST

Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

Share your adventures and join us over on our social channels for even more adventures and a nosy behind the scenes at Pawprint HQ!



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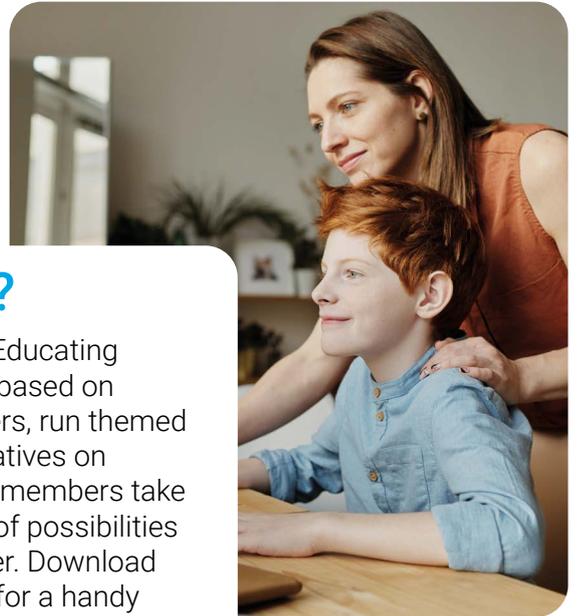
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A Big Hello From

# Twinkl Home Ed!

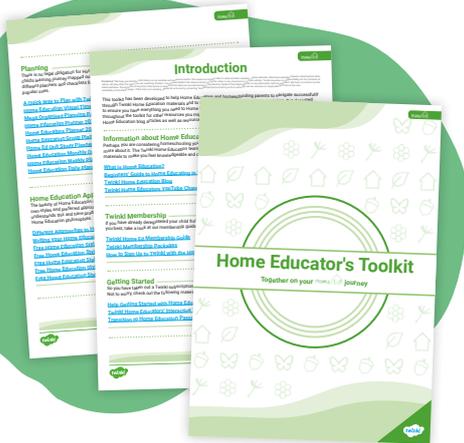
## Who Are We?

We are a team within Twinkl Educational Publishing dedicated to helping, supporting and inspiring Home Educating families. Most of us are also Home Educating parents!



## What Do We Do?

Our mission is to help Home Educating families. We make resources based on suggestions from our members, run themed weeks, competitions and initiatives on social media and we help our members take advantage of the huge range of possibilities their Twinkl subscriptions offer. Download our [Home Educator's Toolkit](#) for a handy overview of what we do, complete with quick, clickable links.



## Why Pawprint Family?

We love our Virtual Adventures in partnership with Pawprint Family, giving people the chance to earn another beautiful, embroidered badge as a souvenir of their journey. We already know lots of our Twinkl members love using our resources to work towards the tasks in the Pawprint Challenge Packs so we make a great team!

Find out more about our **Virtual Australian Adventure** on the next page and visit our [Virtual Adventures](#) category on the Twinkl website to catch up with any you may have missed.

## What Is a Virtual Adventure?

Our Virtual Adventures are cross-curricular, holistic learning experiences built around a story-based presentation and a progress tracking activity, together with links to further resources so you can personalise your project how you wish, to take you on a trip to a faraway place - all from the comfort of your own home!

## Where Can You Find Us?

Browse our selection of 900,000+ resources at [www.twinkl.co.uk](http://www.twinkl.co.uk).



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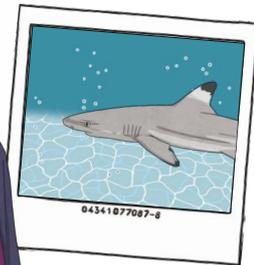
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We're together on your Home Ed Journey!

# What Is the

# Virtual Australian Adventure?

Download our FREE [Virtual Australian Adventure pack](#) to help some amazing Australian animals escape the clutches of the villainous Doctor Fossicker.



## The Journey

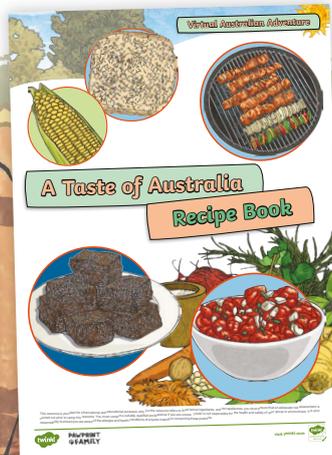
You will journey around Australia to free the captured animals and return them to their natural homes, learning lots of fun facts about the history, geography, culinary delights and the people of this fascinating country, not forgetting its weird and wonderful wildlife of course!

Along the way, you'll make decisions which will affect the direction of the story. Will your choices transport you to every corner of the continent? Will you be able to free every animal? Will Doctor Fossicker catch you up? Don't worry if you don't manage it the first time, it just means that you get to travel to Australia again! No worries, mate.

## How Do I Track My Progress?

Your pack includes a beautifully designed 3D pop-up cage, along with a wide range of Australian animals and a map of Australia. Each time you complete a learning activity in the [Field Guide](#), you can release an animal from the cage and place it in the location of its home on the map. This will create a bright, colourful and visually interactive way to track your progress through the adventure.

You can also share your progress with other Home Educators on the [Twinkl Home Educators Facebook page](#). Don't forget to claim your certificate and/or Pawprint badge as a reward for returning the animals to their natural homes.



## Let's Go!

So, what are you waiting for? Grab your surfboard and binoculars and let's be on our way to the amazing continent of Australia!



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# HOW TO: Use Your Challenge Pack



This Challenge Pack has been created in partnership with Twinkl Home Ed. Divided into 4 sections: Craft, Food, Games and Other, it's been designed to help you provide a balanced and varied programme for your young adventurers. We recommend that the following number of activities are completed by each age group:

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| <b>Age 3 - 5</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Age 5 - 7</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Age 7 - 11</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Age 11 - 14</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Age 14 - 18</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Age 18+</b>     |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Craft**

**Food**

**Games**

**Other**

**PICK**

**Leaders, Teachers & Parents**

Award yourselves a badge for supporting your young adventurers in their activities!

## TOP TIPS

- Adapt activities as necessary to meet your needs.
- Add your own activity ideas or develop them into projects.
- Use what you have; don't buy in lots of new materials/equipment.
- No need to send us evidence, responsible grown-ups decide when the badge has been earned.
- One challenge badge can take as long as you like; from a few hours to days or even a full term!

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# Craft

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-  The Sydney Opera House is one of the most iconic buildings in the world. Design your own building with innovative shapes or materials.
-  Build a bridge from recycled materials. Why not try making an arch bridge like the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
-  Sew, knit or crochet your own pouch to keep something special in.

## Why?

Australia is home to lots of different animals who carry their young in pouches. When marsupials are born, they still have lots of growing to do but they can use their sharp claws to climb into their mother's pouch to drink their milk and continue developing.

-  Create a mask of your favourite Australian animal.
-  The platypus is often described as a 'hodgepodge' of other species because it has a bill and webbed feet like a duck, with the body and fur of an otter but the tail of a beaver. Collage your own hodgepodge animal.
-  Have a go at Aboriginal artwork by trying traditional dot painting method.
-  Create your own clap sticks from some sticks or paint stirrers. These are a traditional percussion instrument used in Aboriginal music alongside drums and didgeridoos. Some clap sticks are filled so can also be used as shakers.
-  Make or decorate a boomerang.
-  The Great Barrier Reef is losing its colour due to coral bleaching caused by the rising sea temperatures. Restore some brightness to the world with a colourful craft.

## Here's an idea!

Why not use this as an opportunity to raise awareness of the impacts of climate change and how we can change our behaviour to reduce consequences like coral bleaching.

-  Make your own snappy crocodile using split pins or clothes pegs.
-  Assemble your own cork hat to keep the flies out of your face when you go camping. Though less common than the stereotype suggests, these hats were used by English settlers in the Outback.
-  Recycle some toilet roll tubes or paper plates into native Australian birds, such as cockatoos or kookaburras.



# Food

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 Fairy bread is often served at children's birthday parties or eaten as a snack in Australia. Prepare your own using your favourite sprinkles.

 Make a pavlova.

Why?

There is some debate about whether the pavlova was invented in Australia or New Zealand, but either way it is a popular treat enjoyed by Australians.

 "Slip a shrimp on the barbie" and have some foodie fun in the sun with a barbecue. Why not try having a slice of beetroot in your burger which is another Aussie custom.

 Love it or hate it? Try vegetable and yeast extract on toast or in a sandwich.

 Enjoy some smashed avocado on toast for an Australian breakfast. To take this further, try some different variations like poached eggs or even pesto.

 Bake some Anzac biscuits. Military wives would make these for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) in World War One because they were cheap and long lasting. Now they are traditionally made on ANZAC day to commemorate the fallen soldiers.

 Taste some bush tucker like witchetty grub. These foods are eaten by Indigenous Australians and have lots of nutritional benefits.

 Make damper bread from salt, flour and water and cook over a campfire.

 Hold an Australian themed buffet with some of the other ideas on this page.

 Meat pies are a popular take away snack and come with a variety of fillings such as onions and cheese, or minced meat. Try following an Australian recipe and find out which filling is your favourite.

 Whip up an ice cream cake to cool down in the Australian heat.

 Bake an upside down cake to flip on your travels "Down Under".

 Australian singer and actress Kylie Minogue follows the Paleo diet of unprocessed foods which includes lots of fruits and vegetables. Fix up a fruit salad or a meal with lots of veggies.

 Decorate biscuits or cupcakes to look like the Australian flag.



# Games

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-  Have a kangaroo bouncing race.
-  How high can you jump? How fast can you run? How far can you swim? Hold a Cassowary competition or complete a triathlon.

## Why?

The Australian Southern Cassowary is a modern dinosaur that can jump 1.5 meters high, run up to 50 kilometers per hour through the forest and swim across wide rivers or sea.

-  Learn how to throw a boomerang and see who can throw one the furthest.
-  Don't get stuck between Ayers Rock and a hard place. Have a game of hypotheticals to practice making hard decisions.
-  The capital city of Australia is Canberra. However there is a common misconception that Sydney is the capital, though it never has been. Take part in a quiz about Australia to see how many misconceptions you can correct.
-  Play Australia's most popular summer sport of cricket. Keep practicing and you might just be good enough to play in The Ashes one day.
-  As well as the females' pouches, kangaroos are known for their boxing skills. Males balance on their tails and fight to establish dominance. Have a go at boxing or go head to head in a balancing competition.
-  Have a game of "Kooka" "Burra" as a twist on the Marco Polo game.

## Why?

Kookaburras call at dusk and dawn to establish their family's territory. This also warns off members of other kookaburra families, but rival families that hear the call may respond. Members of the same family may call together, but those alone in captivity won't laugh or sing because it is a social behaviour.

-  Challenge your friends to a joke competition. Who can make people laugh like a kookaburra the most?
-  Dig for treasure in a sandpit. Wombats have sharp claws and short legs which make them great diggers. Why not try using different objects to dig with to see which is the most effective?
-  Australia hosted the Melbourne 1956 and Sydney 2000 Summer Olympic Games, and will host the Brisbane games in 2032. Hold your own mini games or sports day.



# Other

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-  Give someone a hug like a koala.
-  Learn the words and sing the “Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree” song.
-  Did you know that ostriches don’t actually bury their head in the sand when they are scared? Try this yourself and confront a problem you’re facing.
-  Put on or rehearse a musical performance fit for the Sydney Opera House.
-  Sunbathe or swim outdoors like a Saltwater Crocodile, but remember your sun cream so you don’t turn into a Galah bird!
-  Ninety per cent of Australians live on the coast. Take a trip to the beach.
-  Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere which means that their seasons are opposite to those in the Northern Hemisphere. Hold a celebration in a different season, such as Christmas in the summer.
-  Find out some facts about the different indigenous peoples of Australia.
-  The island of Tasmania has the cleanest air in the world. Spend some time in a local green space to breath in the fresh air.
-  There is more snow in the Australian Alps than the Swiss Alps. Have a go at skiing or snowboarding at your local indoor or dry slope.
-  Face a fear and try something new. Australian zookeeper, conservationist and wildlife television presenter Steve Irwin’s greatest fear was of parrots.
-  Koalas have two thumbs on each front paw to give them extra grip. Test your grip strength on some monkey bars, a traverse course or a climbing wall.
-  Many of Australia’s native animals are nocturnal. Go for a night-time walk.
-  Visit a zoo to meet some Australian animals such as wallabies, koalas, kangaroos or wombats.
-  Around 2.5km of Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock, extends underground. Have a go at an activity that is typically underground such as caving.
-  Read a scratch and sniff book to test your Tasmanian Devil sense of smell.
-  Have a go at snorkelling which is a popular adventure activity, particularly around the Great Barrier Reef.

## Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their Virtual Australian Adventure Challenge badge to mark their achievements! Head to the website to bag yours, download certificates and discover even more adventures!



## Create a Keepsake!

Experienced adventure? Made memories? Then it's time to create a keepsake! Our Pawprint Family camp blankets are the perfect place to sew your badges and look back on them for years to come.



## Personalise it!

Got your camp blanket? Then it's time to make it yours! Our alphabet badges are big, bright and bold...the perfect addition to your camp blanket, hoodies, bags and more. What will you personalise first?



## Even More Rewards!

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