

## Wattle Gum Curriculum: Geography Year 1

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A different geography topic is the focus for each term, switch the terms around to best suit your child's current interest or book availability. We have used the Australian Curriculum as a guide, remember though, as Home Educators we don't have to strictly adhere

Our Geography curriculum involves a combination of analysing, reading, recording and activities.

*Analysing* - A component of Geography is analysing, assist your child in these skills.

*Reading* - We have included suggestions for 6+ books for each term. Read a book/chapters each week, you may choose to read all the books, or some, re-reading your favourites.

*Recording* - Write, dictate a narration/notebook page for at least half the books read each term.

Some narrations may be oral, a simple chatting about the book, some are dictated to you and you scribe, some your child writes. Or your child may enjoy creating notebooking pages

Suggested Resource:

[Notebooking Pages Lifetime Membership](#)

[Charlotte Mason Notebooking](#)

*Activities* - We have included suggested activities for each term, choose which ones best suit your family.

### Term 1

[AC9HS1K03](#)

#### Natural, managed and constructed features of local places

Term One's focus is looking at natural places locally and within Australia.

Analyse, read and record as instructed.

Activity suggestions: visit at least two local landmarks, natural and constructed, undertake a walk through your town looking at different buildings (your library or museum may have a tour)

[On the River - Roland Harvey](#)

[Search for the Scarlet Macaws - Jen Martin](#)

[The Turtle and the Flood - Jackie French](#)

[In My Garden - Kate Mayes](#)

[The Story of Platypus - David Welch](#)

[The Dunggirr Brothers & the Caring Song of the Whale - Shaa Smith](#)

[Milbi : Aboriginal stories from Queensland's Endeavour River - Tulo Gordon](#)

### Term 2

[AC9HS1K04](#)

#### Change in Places, Cared for by different groups including First Nation Australians

Term Two's focus is looking at caring for our environment locally and nationally, and the care undertaken by First Nation Australians.

Analyse, read and record as instructed.

Activity suggestions: visit local recycling centre, visit an area that local landcare have regenerated.

[Little Explorer's Guide to Australian National Parks - Chloe Butterfield](#)

[Sand Swimmers - Narelle Oliver](#)

[Looking After Country with Fire - Victor Steffenson](#)

[A Hollow is a Home - Abbie Mitchell](#)

[Louie and Snippy: Save the Sea - Collette Dinnigan](#)

[Life in a Hollow - David Gullan](#)

[The trees : learning tree knowledge with Uncle Kuu - Victor Steffenson](#)

[Carmichael's Journey - Shelly Fussell](#)

[A Bag and A Bird - Pamela Allen](#)

### Term 3

#### Asia: China

Term Three's focus is Chinese culture and history.

Analyse, read and record as instructed.

Activity suggestions: mark China on a worldmap, watch a youtube about the Great Wall of China.

[The Empty Pot - Demi](#)

[Ming's Adventure: China's Great Wall - Li Jian](#)

[Ming's Adventure With: Confucius in Qufu - Li Jian](#)

[Ming's Adventure with The Terracotta Army - Li Jian](#)

[New Year Surprise! - Christopher Cheng](#)

[The Snake Goddess Colors the World - Li Jian](#)

[The Sheep Beauty - Li Jian](#)

[The Bronze Dog - Li Jian](#)

[The Mystery in the Forbidden City - Harper Paris](#)

[Our Family Dragon - Rebecca Lim](#)

**Term 4**

Term Four's focus is various African cultures.

Analyse, read and record as instructed.

Activity suggestions: mark the different African cultures mentioned in the books on a worldmap, watch a documentary about elephants.

**Africa: Nigeria**

[Anna Hibiscus' Song - Atinuke, Lauren Tobia](#)

[What the Elephant Heard - Charlotte Guillain](#)

**Africa:**

[The Elephants Come Home - Kim Tomsic](#)

[In the Shadow of an Elephant - Georgie Donaghey](#)

[Papa Do You Love Me? - Barbara M Joosse](#)

[The One and Only Ruby - Katherine Applegate](#)

[Sulwe - Nyong'o, Lupita](#)

**Africa: Cameroon**

[I Am Farmer - Paul Baptiste](#)

[The Story of Jane Goodall - Susan B Katz](#)