

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Space expedition timeline

Have students research space expeditions and experiments that have occurred since the 1969 Moon landing, and use a timeline to display the expeditions and experiments.

Mapping

Have students find out the location of the Royal Australian Mint, and pinpoint it on a map. Use Google Earth to take a look.

Coin rubbing

Show students how to take rubbings from coins by placing different coins under a piece of paper and using a pencil to colour over the coins. Have students try this themselves and watch their pictures emerge.

Design your own coin

Discuss, and have students research further, different inspirational Australians who have been chosen to have their faces on coins. Encourage students to think about someone who inspires them and design a 50c coin to commemorate this person.

Decimal changeover song

Play the decimal changeover song, written by Ted Roberts to mark the introduction of decimal currency in Australia, and have students listen to and learn the words.

Mini project

Have students look at the animals on the 5c, 10c, 20, 50c, \$1 and \$2 coins. Ask them to choose their favourite animal and complete a mini project which covers the following information:

- name of the animal
- habitat
- diet
- name of baby animal
- interesting facts.