

English

Our focus texts in class will be:

The Great Wave by Veronique Massenot and Bruno Pilorget
Debussy
La Mer,

I Live in Tokyo by Mari Takabayashi,

Japan- The Land of the People

Cool Japan Guide

Tokyo City Trails

We will be using freeze frames, drama and re enactments to write a diary entry and non chronological reports

Maths

Number and Place Value

Multiplication and Division

Addition and Subtraction

Fractions and Decimals

Measures and Data

Shape

RE

How do festivals and worship show what matters to Muslims?
How and Why do people try to make the world a better place?
Christians, Muslims, Sikhs, non religious.

Japan and the Olympics 2021

Humanities

Where in the world is Japan?
Which countries are represented at the Olympics, mark others chosen countries on a map. What are the physical and topographical features of this country? Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. • Understand that Japan is made up of four main islands: Hokkaido, Honshu (largest), Shikoku, Kyushu
What dangers threaten the people and life in parts of Japan and how have they adapted their homes. Why is Japan more under threat now than 100 years ago?

What are the Olympics?
Which events were in the first Olympics and where will you get evidence to support your findings?

Key Vocabulary

Bushido - the many codes of honour and ideals that dictated the samurai way of life.

Earthquake - a sudden violent movement of the earth's surface, sometimes causing great damage.

Monsoon - the season of heavy rain during the summer in hot Asian countries.

Typhoon - a violent wind that has a circular movement, found in the West Pacific Ocean

Tsunami - an extremely large wave caused by a violent movement of the earth under the sea

Equator - an imaginary line drawn around the middle of the earth

Hemisphere - one of two halves of the earth

Tropic of Cancer - the northern tropic beyond where the sun does not go overhead.

Tropic of Capricorn - the southern tropic beyond where the sun does not go overhead.

Continent is a large area of the land. In general it is agreed there are seven continents: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Europe, North America, Australia or Oceania, and South America.

Key Facts

Where is Japan? *The land of the rising Sun - Nippon.*



The flag is known as the hinomaru in Japanese, meaning "circle of the sun."



Capital: Tokyo

Major language: Japanese

Major religions: Shintoism, Buddhism

Currency: yen

The economy of Japan is the third largest in the world after the United States and the People's Republic of China.

It is the Land of the Rising Sun

Art and DT

Focus Artists: Katsushika Hokusai and Daniel Laurence. Using a range of mixed media to create our own Great Wave. To design and make our own flag that incorporates a Carp design.

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Computing

Using Scratch algorithms to show Naoki's journey.

Using ICT to present a non chronological report

Modern Foreign

Languages

As well as looking at some common Japanese phrases, we will also be introduced to 'Family & Friends' in our French unit. We will learn to identify and introduce family and pets and spell their names. They will also learn the names for places in their own home.

Science

Our first year 4 unit focuses on the digestive system in humans and animals and the functions of teeth. Children will learn more about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in the context of teeth, digestion and the food chain. In addition, they will extend their understanding of food chains to more complex chains and food webs.

In the second half of summer term the children will learn about what electricity is and how it was discovered. They will identify which appliances use electricity in their homes and how to keep themselves safe. Children will construct circuits, start to create pictorial circuits and conduct an investigation into how easily different types of switches can break and reconnect a circuit.

SMSC and PHSE

Our main PSHE unit will cover Healthy lifestyles as well as sex and relationships—further details will be sent out to parents. We will also consider some characters we meet in our literacy journey and consider their dilemmas and debates