



Ferndale Primary and Nursery School

Dear Parents,

Home Learning

We are sorry to hear that your child is off school linked to COVID-19 and we look forward to welcoming your child back to school as soon as possible, when it is safe to do so. In the mean-time if your child is isolating please refer to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> for further guidance.

Whilst your child remains isolating at home, we have compiled some home learning for them. If your child was sent home from school then they will come home with their home learning pack but, if not, you will be able to pick their home learning up from school – if this is not possible we can deliver it to you.

We have two sets of home learning packs, a short term pack for if you are able to get a test and are awaiting the results and a long term pack for if your child has to isolate for longer.

In the short term pack you will find a selection of worksheets relevant to your child's year group and learning. There will be worksheets for literacy, numeracy and guided reading.

In the long term pack you will find enough learning for 2 school weeks. For each week there will be a letter from the teachers in your child's year group. This letter will contain two foundation subject lessons for each day. Also in the pack will be a guided reading lesson for each day. To support your literacy and numeracy there are videos on YouTube with lessons given by a teacher from your child's year. These videos contain a lesson for each day of the week. As we understand that this requires children to have access to the internet we have also provided two lessons a week for literacy and numeracy on paper, in-case you have siblings sharing a device. The videos can be found following this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCO1zqDQAKxkYMswOFQPcNPA/videos> you will need to scroll through the videos and find the videos relevant to your child's year group. They are titled 'Year ? Home Learning Literacy' and 'Year ? Home Learning Maths'.

If you would like any of the work your child completes whilst they are off, to be commented on by their teacher, please email their work to head@ferndale.swindon.sch.uk. In the email please put your child's name and their class teacher's name. This letter is also on our school website under the 'school return' tab.

Keep safe and we look forward to welcoming you back to school when it is safe to do so.

Kind regards

Miss Liz Horrobin
Headteacher

Miss Horrobin and Mrs Prevost's Isolation Task

Miss Horrobin and Mrs Prevost love to talk about travelling, the places they've been and the places they would love to go. Both Mrs Prevost and Miss Horrobin would love to go to Japan.



So, we are setting you a mini Japanese project! You need to do your year group work first before you move onto our task. If you finish all of this as well as your year group work you could write all about where you would go and why, if you could go anywhere in the world!

Any work you complete can be emailed in to Miss Horrobin head@ferndale.swindon.sch.uk and Mrs Prevost prevosts@ferndale.swindon.sch.uk

We can't wait to see what you get up to...

Japan

Japan is an island country that lies off the eastern coast of mainland Asia and is home to around 127 million people. It is the world's third largest producer of cars and they are the leading country in inventing and making hi-tech robots. However, Japan also has a fascinating culture and interesting customs which make it a very interesting country.



School in Japan

Education is extremely important in Japan and the Japanese people are highly educated as a result. At school, children study Japanese, English, mathematics, science, social studies, music, crafts, physical education, home economics and ICT. Students also learn traditional Japanese arts and skills.

Sport in Japan

Sport is an important part of Japanese culture. Traditional sports, such as sumo and martial arts, are popular as well as sports adopted from western culture such as baseball and football. Japan has hosted many international sporting competitions including the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo and the 2019 Rugby World Cup. Tokyo will be hosting the 2020 Summer Olympics.



Food in Japan

When people think about Japanese food, they probably think of sushi. However, sushi is not the only food eaten in Japan. Vegetarian food is very popular, especially 'natto', which is a very smelly dish made from fermented soybeans. Rice and noodles are common ingredients in most meals as well as soup and fish.

Did You Know...?

Chopsticks are an important part of Japanese culture and tradition. Children are often taught how to use them before they have even learned how to walk!

Tea Ceremony

The Japanese tea ceremony is a unique ritual in Japan. It is an important event in which green tea is prepared in front of and shared between special guests. Tea ceremonies represent harmony, respect purity and tranquillity and can last for several days.

Children's Day

Each year on 5th May, Japan celebrate Children's Day. On this day, families celebrate the healthy growth and happiness of children. Households fly large, colourful, carp-shaped streamers outside their houses. The carp was chosen because it symbolizes strength and success as Japanese legend says that a carp swam upstream and turned into a dragon.



Questions

1. Name **two** items that Japan produces.

2. Which of the following subjects do children in Japan **not** study? Tick **one**.

- ICT
- Science
- RE
- English

3. What sporting event did Japan host in 1964? Tick **one**.

- Football World Cup
- Rugby World Cup
- Summer Olympics
- Winter Olympics

4. What is the Japanese name for fermented soybeans?

5. What type of tea do guests share at a tea ceremony? Tick **one**.

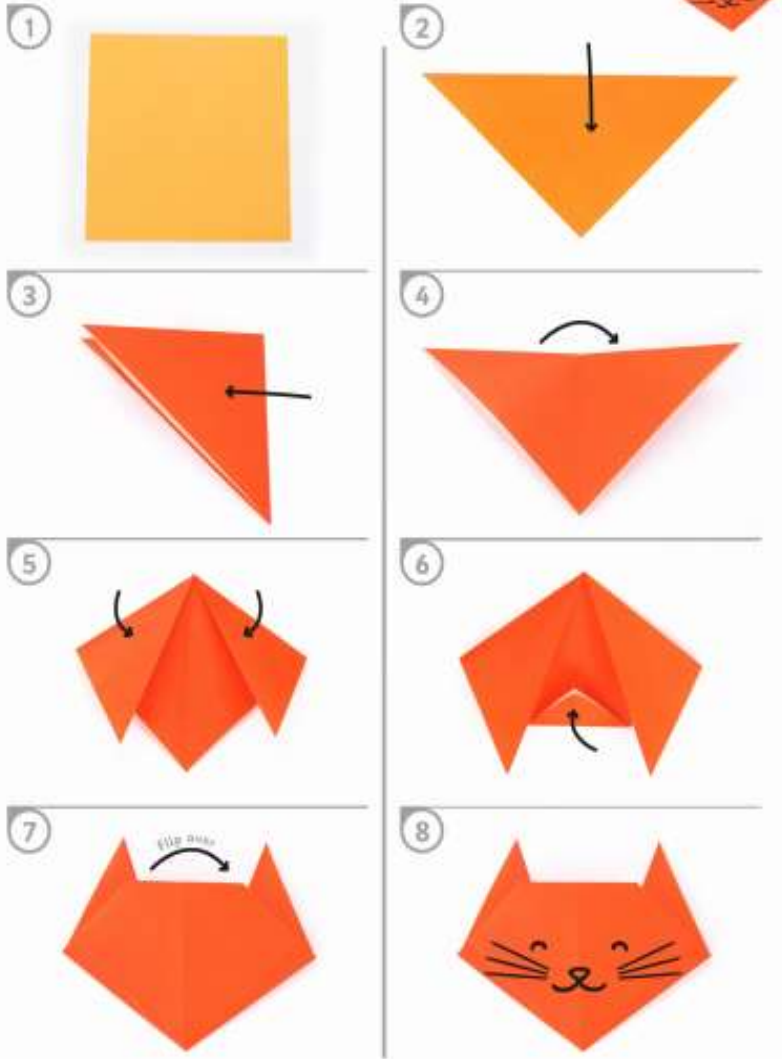
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- Earl Grey
- mint
- green

6. What do Japanese people celebrate on 5th May? Tick **one**.

- Mother's Day
- Children's Day
- Father's Day
- Family Day

7. Give an example of an aspect of Japanese life that is different from yours. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Origami Cat



Sudoku 6 x 6 Puzzles

Each row and column contains all the digits 1 to 6.

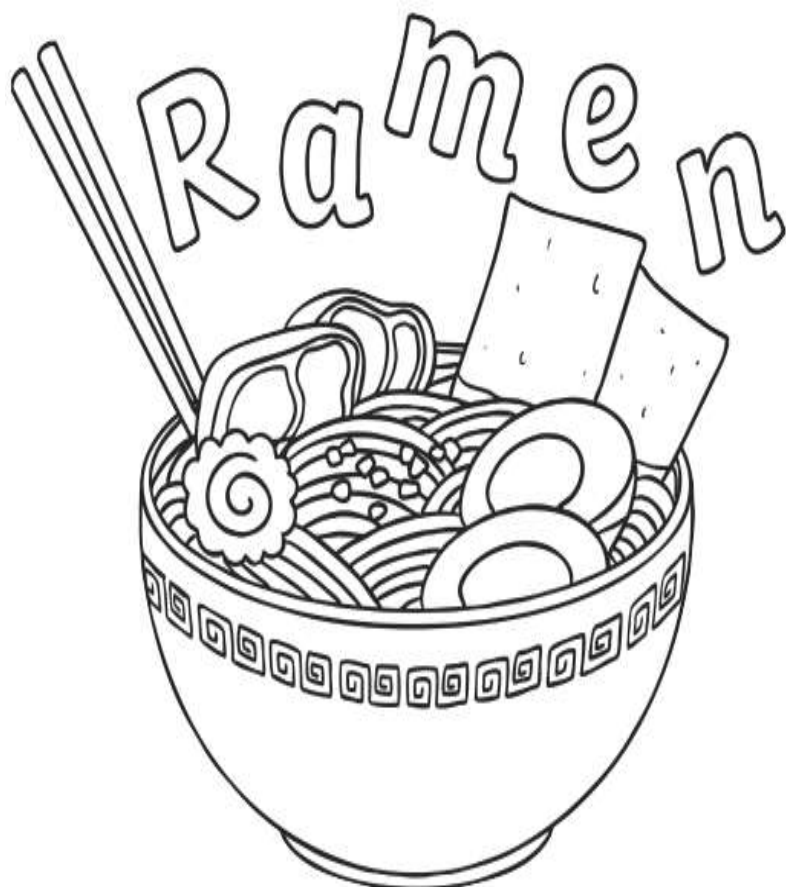
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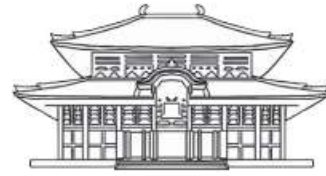
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MOUNT FUJI



Japan



Amazing Fact

The world record for the fastest 100 metres on all fours is held by Kenichi Ito of Japan, who covered the distance in an incredible 17.47 seconds.

Challenge

Here are some Japanese symbols. Japanese writing is calligraphy, which means it is drawn with a brush and ink.

愛

love

友

friend

幸

happiness

竜

dragon

命

life

Choose one of these symbols and copy it below.
Then write about why you have chosen that symbol.

My symbol:

I have chosen this symbol because...

Fun Facts Japan Quiz

Name: _____

1. What is the official language of Japan?

2. What is the Japanese name for Japan?

3. How many main islands does Japan have?

4. What is the capital (and largest) city of Japan?

5. The capital city of Japan is located on which island?

6. Which continent does Japan belong to?

7. What is the name of the mountain that is also the highest point in Japan?

8. What foods are most commonly associated with Japan?

9. What is the approximate population of Japan?

10. What were ancient warriors of Japan known as?

11. What is Japan's currency called?

12. Which countries are closest to Japan?

13. What does the red circle in the middle of Japan's flag represent?

14. What covers more than half of Japan?

15. What is considered Japan's national sport?

16. What does 'arigatou gozaimasu' mean?

17. What clothing is considered traditional Japanese wear?

18. Japanese writing uses characters instead of the letters of the alphabet that we are familiar with. In what other way is traditional Japanese writing different?

19. What is the shinkansen train?

20. How many times has Japan hosted the Olympics?
