



JAPAN

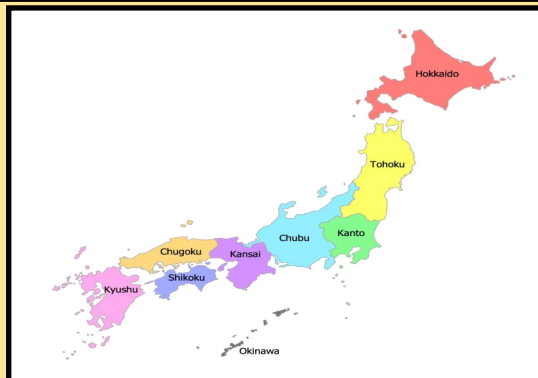
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MAP OF JAPAN

SYNOPSIS

In Year 2 we will learn about the fascinating country of Japan which is made up of more than 6,000 islands. The children will find out about Japan's bustling cities, traditions and culture and examine some of the country's beautiful landscapes including the majestic Mount Fuji which has inspired artists for generations. By the end of this topic, the children will be able to compare life in England with life in Japan including homes, food, sports, celebrations and school life.



SUBJECT LINKS

- As writers we will read and discuss some traditional Japanese stories including *The Magic Tea Kettle* and the *Spider Weaver*, write information texts about Japanese culture, sports, food and landmarks and create postcards encouraging other people to visit the country. The children will also create their own Haiku poems which is a traditional form of Japanese poetry.
- As historians we will examine how life has changed for the Japanese people over the centuries, investigate the story of the famous Mount Fuji and learn about the country's various rulers. The children will also learn about Japanese traditions and how they are celebrated before getting a glimpse of the future with some of the buildings and gadgets being developed by Japan's innovative technology industry.
- The children will use the computers to learn the basics of emailing and practise sending messages using child-friendly email software.
- As artists we will look at the iconic work of celebrated Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai who produced many beautiful landscapes featuring Mount Fuji. We will learn how to mix different colours to create interesting paintings including the world-famous cherry blossom trees. The children will also create a Japanese fan depicting famous landmarks, mythical creatures and other traditional symbols.

TOPIC VOCABULARY

Japan	South Korea	ice monkey
Katsushika	China	blossom
Hokusai	Russia	pagoda
Hokkaido	Tokyo	volcano
Kyushu	sky scrapers	kimono
Honshu	city	Japanese
Shikoku	Mount Fuji	yen
Sea of Japan	technology	koi carp
Pacific Ocean	karate	festival
La Perouse	baseball	sushi
Strait	sumo wrestling	rice
North Korea		

ART



Map of Asia



Mount Fuji



Significant Moments in History of Japan

2500-300BC

First Japanese Settlements



538

Buddhism comes to Japan



1192

The Kamakura Shogunate government is formed



1467-1603

Japan had 5000 castles



1707

Mount Fuji erupts



1868

Edo Shogunate loses power and Emperor Meiji renames the capital city Tokyo



1941-1945

Pacific War



1964

Olympics held in Tokyo



2011

Great East Japan Earthquake



2013

Mt Fuji declared World Heritage Site