

Ideas Organiser: Life in Japan



Knowledge:

- The seven **continents** of the world are **Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, South America, Antarctica** and **Australia**.
- The five **oceans** of the world are the **Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic** and **Southern Ocean**.
- Locate Japan on the **world map**.
- Japan is in **Asia** and is made up of over 4000 islands.
- **Human geographical features** are things that you can see around you that have been made by people.
- **Physical geographical features** are things that you can see around you that are natural.
- Japan is currently the only country with a reigning Emperor – Emperor Naruhito.
- Asia is the largest continent with the most populous countries in the world.
- Tokyo is the capital city of Japan.
- The main religion in Japan is Buddhism.

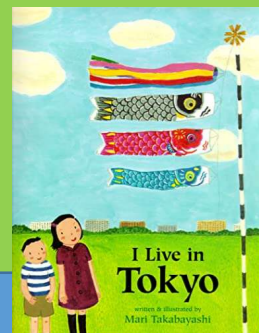
Vocabulary and background knowledge:

Continent		A large area of land.
Climate		What the weather is like over a long period of time.
Culture		The 'way of life' of a country or group of people, e.g. tradition, dress, language, religion.
Landmark		Important objects or features of the landscape.
Population		The number of people living there.
Earthquake		A sudden violent movement of the earth's surface, sometimes causing great damage.
Monsoon		A 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.
Mount Fuji		The tallest mountain in Japan, which is also a volcano.
Emperor		The highest ruler of an empire.
Atlas		A collection of maps in one book.
Aerial view		A view from above; also known as a 'bird's-eye' view.

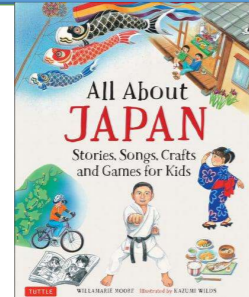
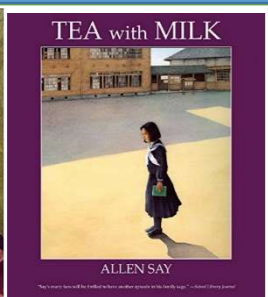
Skills:

Reading comprehension – Tokyo and dragons

- Map and atlas skills – locating Japan and oceans and continents
- Pencil skills – drawing sushi



Recommended Reads:



Key Features	Compass Directions	Planning a Route
Key features of maps include: a title, a compass rose , symbols , a key and different colours for important things, such as green for forests and blue for rivers.	People use a compass to help them position and use a map accurately. The main points of a compass are north, south, east and west.	When planning a journey using a map, people think about the quickest or safest route .

Making Links:

Literacy: Narrative – The Magic Paintbrush, instruction text (how to care for a pet dragon), character description (Tell Me a Dragon), Japanese Haiku poems

Art: Pencil skills, light and shade and patterns

Maths: Simple addition and subtraction using Japanese numbers

British Values

Tolerance - Understanding different religions and recognising and accepting differences and similarities

Mutual Respect – Know that our behaviours have an impact on others, know about other faiths and cultures and show respect for their beliefs and learn from them too.



Values & attitudes we can always show in this project:



Quality Outcomes & Experiences:

- Making and eating sushi
- Tissue paper Cherry Blossom Trees
- Cherry Blossom Tree Haiku poetry
- Japanese name bookmarks

The World beyond our doorstep...

Local

- Consider our own lives, e.g. schooling, clothes, pasttimes, language, religion, homes and family.

National

- Identify well-known human and physical geographical features and landmarks within the UK.

International

- Learn the continents and oceans of the world and how different countries have different climates, geographical features and cultures.