

This half term our topic is Japan*.* The children will be learning all about the geography and culture of Japan, including art and food. We will look at traditional and modern Japan and finding out about animals and wildlife that can be found there.

The homework menu has been linked to our Topic work where possible and the children are encouraged to complete further work to support and enrich their learning within school. Some of the activities require adult support and we really do appreciate the time you take to support your child’s learning. We hope you will have fun together completing one or more of them!

We are keen to provide the children with as many interesting opportunities as possible and really do appreciate the support of parents and carers within the school.

Best wishes

The Willow Class Team

Sheriffhales Primary School



Homework Menu

Remember it is vitally important that you regularly practice your bread and butter homework - your spellings, letters and sounds, and number fluency. The menu is to enhance your skills and knowledge, and further your interests.

A delicious range of activities for you to choose from!

Choose at least one, but more if you are hungry. for Dojos!

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**Science**

* Find out about some of the special animals that live in Japan and complete a mini project about an animal you would find there but not here – for example crane, macaque, red panda.
* Find out about flowers which grow in Japan – for example Tulips, Blossom. Lotus.
* Continue to explore the environment as Spring turns into Summer! What is changing and growing?

**Other subjects**

* Build a model of Mount Fuji.
* Explore the Japanese writing system-learn to write a few simple words or phrases in Japanese.
* Look at some pictures of Japanese palaces. shrines and temples – can you draw or model one?
* Try some Japanese origami at home.
* Help to make and taste some Japanese food at home, for example sushi or yakatori.
* Learn to sing a simple song in Japanese, for example a counting song or a nursery rhyme. Send us a video!

Your menu:

**Maths**

* Practice counting to 20-count various objects. Count forwards and backwards from 0 to 20. Go on a number hunt to look for numbers 10-20.
* Practice adding and subtracting within 20.
* Practice writing your numbers to 20.
* Make a snakes and ladders board to 20 and have a game!
* Try a tangram puzzle. What shapes can you make?

**English**

* Read for 10 - 15 minutes each day to or with someone else.
* Practice your weekly spellings.
* Write a simple fact file about Japan using simple sentences.
* Write a letter to a school child in Japan, tell them about yourself.
* Research and write a list of things that are famous about Japan.
* Write a list of ingredients for a Japanese food recipe.

### Why a menu

Homework is set so that you get better at what you can do, and so that you learn new skills.

If we all have the same homework, it will be easy for some and harder for others. If the homework doesn’t appeal to us we will put less effort in.

If we have a degree of choice, we will take more pride in what we produce.

### The choices

The choices offered to you each term cover a range of subjects and link to the topic you have been working on in class

### The rules

You must select and complete at least one item from the menu. You can hand in your homework at any point during the half term in which it is set. You may do additional menu items and this will earn you dojos depending on the quality of your work.