

Sheriffhales Primary School

This half term our topic is Japan. The children will be looking at food, music, arts and technology of various kinds.

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. Do you have a skill or talent that you could share with the children that relates to our topic this term? If so, get in touch, we’d love to hear from you

Best wishes

Willow Class Team

PS – Don’t forget to keep following Wendy on southpole2020/news – she’s nearly there!!!



Homework Menu

Remember it is vitally important that you regularly practice your bread and butter homework -your spellings 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!

Class: Willow

Year Group: Year R

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**Understanding the World**

* Look at a map of East Asia, find Japan
* Find out about Japanese animals – flying squirrel, macaque etc
* Do some paper folding – make a simple plane or bird
* Have a listen to some music and perhaps make a dance that you can film. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M40SBBsSCIA>
* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gpr_ISfWFsk>
* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFPOHuRcr9A>

# Michio Miyagi ‎– Koto Music, Kyoto Nohgaku Kai ‎– Japanese Noh Music

Ryuichi Sakamoto – The Last Emperor, Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence

Frank Chickens – We are Ninja (not geisha), Blue Canary

* Try some Japanese food and recipes – Sushi Balls, Yakitori,

Your menu:

**Mathematics**

* Count to 20.
* Read and write numbers to 10 or more in numerals.
* Share a group of objects into 2 or 3 equal groups.
* Make money by designing your own banknotes
* Use hand spans, feet and a simple tape measure to measure items around your home

**Literacy**

* Share a book for 5-10 minutes each day with someone else using phonic knowledge to decode simple words eg. c-a-t. and blends dr-a-g
* Look at pictures in a storybook, discuss what might happen next, who the main characters are and what you can see.
* Practise writing your name taking care to form the letters correctly.

Special Challenge:

Make a model of Mount Fuji

### 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 can earn you dojos depending on the quality of your work.