

Japanese Curriculum Overview

Term 2, 2017

Upper Primary

- Japanese greetings and self-introduction questions used at the beginning of each lesson with developing complexity throughout the year. Questions being asked include “What is your name?” and “How old are you?”
- Dictionary of vocabulary words including family, adjectives and verbs. Children will be able to describe and comprehend information about family members and activities their family enjoy doing in Japanese.
- Hiragana alphabet: developing ability to read and write hiragana letters. Each child has their own goal they are aiming to achieve by the end of the year.
- Katakana and Kanji alphabets: Challenge children to use these alphabets more frequently when opportunity arises. Children will have the opportunity to learn kanji letters for some family words and verbs.
- Japanese culture: Differences and similarities between family life in Australia and Japan.



Japanese Family



Kanji letter

Middle Primary

- Dictionary of vocabulary words including days of the week, months of the year and times. Children will be able to talk about what activities they do during the week and comprehend what other children do in their week.
- Japanese greetings and simple self-introduction questions and answers to begin each lesson. Questions include “What is your name?” and “How old are you?”
- Hiragana alphabet: developing ability to read and write hiragana letters. Each child has their own goal they are aiming to achieve by the end of the year.

- Katakana and Kanji alphabets: Challenge children to use these alphabets more frequently when opportunity arises. Children will learn how to write the days of the week and months of the year in kanji.
- Japanese culture: Differences and similarities between a typical day for Australian children and Japanese children.

Day of the Week	Kanji	Hiragana	Romaji
Question?	何曜日	なんようび	nanyoubi
Monday	月曜日	げつようび	getsuyoubi
Tuesday	火曜日	かようび	kayoubi
Wednesday	水曜日	すいようび	suiyoubi
Thursday	木曜日	もくようび	mokuyoubi
Friday	金曜日	きんようび	kinyoubi
Saturday	土曜日	どようび	doyoubi
Sunday	日曜日	にちようび	nichiyoubi

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Months/Days



Weekly activities

Junior Primary

- Self- introduction in Japanese including “My name is _____. I’m ____ years old. Nice to meet you.”
- Numbers in Japanese. Children will be able to say and recognize numbers 1 – 10.
- Children will learn how to receive items and say “thank you” in Japanese. They will also respond to basic classroom instructions in Japanese such as, please sit, please listen please look etc.
- Hiragana alphabet: developing ability to read and write hiragana letters. Aiming to confidently recognise 25 letters by the end of Year 2.
- Introducing some katakana letters and kanji through names and numbers.
- Japanese culture: Children will learn about the Tanabata festival (Star festival).



Numbers



Tanabata festival