

Year 5&6

Topic: Tokyo/ Japan

Theme: Space/ Place/ Physical
Geography features

Our objectives include:

Geography

Locate Japan on a map and identify its main islands.

Capital City

Understand that Tokyo is the capital city of Japan and locate it on a map.

Culture and Traditions

Learn about traditional Japanese customs or traditions (e.g., tea ceremonies, origami) and explain their significance.

Famous Landmarks

Name at least three famous landmarks in Tokyo (e.g., Tokyo Tower, Asakusa Temple) and describe their importance.

Language

Learn a few basic Japanese greetings and words (e.g., konnichiwa, arigatou) and understand the importance of language in communication.

Cuisine

Explore Japanese cuisine, including sushi and tempura, and understand the role of food in Japanese culture.

History

Learn about one historical event in Japan's history (e.g., samurai era, Meiji Restoration) and explain its significance.

Art and Architecture

Identify traditional Japanese architecture elements (e.g., pagodas, torii gates) and appreciate Japanese art forms.

Modern Tokyo

Explore modern aspects of Tokyo, such as its technology, transportation systems (Shinkansen), and pop culture (anime and manga).

Cultural Comparisons

Compare and contrast aspects of Japanese culture with their own culture, fostering cultural awareness and understanding.

Japan and Tokyo



Essential Knowledge

- Japan is found in Asia and consists of 4 main islands.

-The Asian country is marked by contrast between old and new. The country values its complex and ancient cultural traditions. Yet Japan is known for its powerful, modern economy and its advanced technology.

- Japan's capital is Tokyo

- Japan is susceptible to many natural disasters because of its location to the edge of the Ring of Fire and know the names of the most active volcano, Mount Aso.

- The Pacific Ocean borders Japan's eastern shores. On the west the Sea of Japan, also called the East Sea, separates Japan from North Korea, South Korea and Russia. China is to the southwest, across the East China Sea.

- Know the climate of Kyushu is sub-tropical and vastly differs from the temperate climate here in the UK.

- It is the only country which still has an Emperor and how this is different from having a Prime Minister and King.

- Japanese Haikus are poems which that consists of three lines, with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third.

- Many modern Japanese structures are created to withstand forces from natural disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons

Key Vocabulary:

- Tokyo: The capital city of Japan, one of the most populous and vibrant cities in the world.
- Sea of Japan: The sea that lies between Japan and the Korean Peninsula.
- Tokyo Bay: A large natural harbour in Tokyo, important for trade and transportation.
- Kanto Plain: A lowland region in eastern Japan where Tokyo is located.
- Honshu: The largest and most populous island of Japan, where Tokyo is situated.
- Kyushu: The southwestern most of Japan's four main islands.
- Hokkaido: The northernmost of Japan's four main islands.
- Okinawa: A chain of islands located south of the Japanese mainland, known for its distinct culture and geography.
- Sushi: A popular Japanese dish consisting of rice and various ingredients such as seafood and vegetables.
- Kimono: Traditional Japanese clothing, often worn on special



Webpages For Extra Information

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/japan>

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Japan/345715>

Interesting facts:

Island Nation: Japan is an archipelago consisting of four main islands (Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu, and Shikoku) and numerous smaller islands.

Vending Machines Galore: Japan has more vending machines per capita than any other country, selling everything from drinks to hot meals.

No Tipping: Tipping is not customary in Japan and can even be considered rude in some situations.

Fastest Trains: Japan's Shinkansen, or bullet trains, are among the fastest in the world, reaching speeds of up to 200 miles per hour (320 km/h).

Akihabara Electric Town: Akihabara in Tokyo is a mecca for electronics and anime enthusiasts, featuring numerous shops and themed cafes.