



# HOME-SCHOOL INSPIRATION



If you can't go out, why not travel the world from home?

This week we travel to Japan.

## Cherry Blossom Art



Trees that are popular in the UK, such as maple and magnolia are also popular in Japan. Cherry blossoms are out now and can provide great inspiration for your artwork. Use black ink or paint and blow it up the page to make the branches of the tree. Make the blossoms with pink and white paint or tissue paper.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cljUwedQAzo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mPBJECet2o>

## Haiku Poetry

At home every day  
But we will not get bored, no!  
Create and have fun

(lockdown)

"Haiku" is a traditional form of Japanese poetry. Haiku poems consist of three lines. The first and last lines of a Haiku have five syllables and the middle line has seven syllables. The lines rarely rhyme.

Why not try writing a poem about an animal, object or season? For more challenge, try writing a 'What am I?' Haiku. Follow the link for more information.

<https://www.kidzone.ws/poetry/haiku.htm>

<https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poems/other/haiku/>

## Origami



The art of paper folding is associated with Japanese culture. There are hundreds of things you can make, and all you need is a square of paper. Here are a couple of links to get you started.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZdO2e8K29o>

<https://origami.me/diagrams/>

## Japanese Anime

Follow these links to find out how to draw in the style of Japanese anime, or learn how to draw Pikachu or Bulbasaur!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-JXy5BESRyc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5vrTBzuSTI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QpeWdLGDNM>

## こんにちは Konichiwa

Although Japanese is a different language to Chinese, Chinese characters are used to write it down. The writing system is called kanji. Why not learn how to say a few phrases in Japanese?

<https://www.newburyparkschool.net/lotm/japanese/player.html>

## Find out more...

- Do you know where to find Japan on a map or globe?
- How many islands make up the nation of Japan, which are the smallest and biggest?
- What can you learn about the Sumo culture of Japan?

There are no limits to what you can discover!



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