

LITERACY

The first area of study this half term will be persuasion. The children will see a range of persuasive texts and explore the features they employ. Linking this to their topic work on Japan, they will investigate how persuasion is utilised in the tourism industry, writing their own persuasive texts.

There will also be several weeks spent looking at poetic style. This will involve reading haikus, tankas and collaborative verse originating in Japan, contrasting these with other forms of poetry and then writing their own.

TOPIC

Year 5 will be learning about the culture and geography of Japan, as a contrasting locality to the UK. This will include finding out about the lives of Japanese children and about major religions and festivals within the country, as well as the differences between life in cities like Tokyo and life in the more rural areas of the country. They will also learn about why volcanoes and earthquakes are so common in Japan, and how these affect life in the country.

SCIENCE

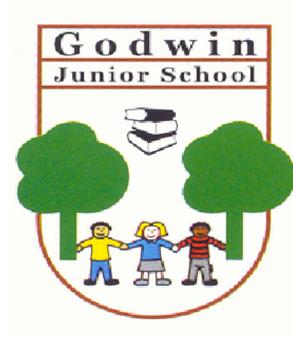
The children will be continuing their exploration of the functions of the heart and lungs, including how these are affected by diet, exercise and additional factors such as smoking.

Following this, they will study forces such as gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. They will learn how these forces affect our world and interact with each other.

NUMERACY

The children will design and carry out their own investigations, organising the data they collect and presenting it using tables, charts and line graphs. They will calculate probability using cards, dice and spinners, making use of the related vocabulary. The topic of fractions, decimals and percentages will be revisited, with children calculating equivalencies and answering related word problems.

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The children will learn about the life and teachings of the prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and develop their understanding of why he is significant for Muslims. They will explore the idea of role models and how Muhammad provides a role model for Muslims. They will also explore the concept of revelations and religious experience, including the importance of quiet contemplation.

ICT

This half term ICT will enable our students to connect with their counterparts in Japan, via <http://www.japanuklive.org>. As well as providing a context for discussions about Internet safety and etiquette, this will give the pupils a chance to gather information and learn more about Japan from real children.

DT

The children will be exploring the important features of Japanese gardens, before including these in their own designs. They will make 3D models of their garden by combining a range of materials.

PE

Furthering their work in science, the children will investigate how different physical activities affect their heart rates, working to build their stamina and endurance. Additionally they will practise athletic events ahead of competing in sports day.