

Welcome to Japanese at St Emilie's!

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This year we are beginning a new language, and learning the fascinating language of Japanese! Within Japanese, we learn not only the cultural aspects of Japan, but how to write, read and speak Japanese.

This term, in years 1-3 students have learnt how to read and create the Kanji numbers 1-10



Our year 3 classes are also learning to write Japanese numbers and are really confident to try and copy the correct stroke order of the Kanji so that they are able to write with accuracy.



### Hiragana writing...

Here our year 1-3 classes are forming the characters of the Japanese alphabet "Hiragana". By using wool and pipe cleaners, this enables the students to become familiar with the new alphabet in a creative way!



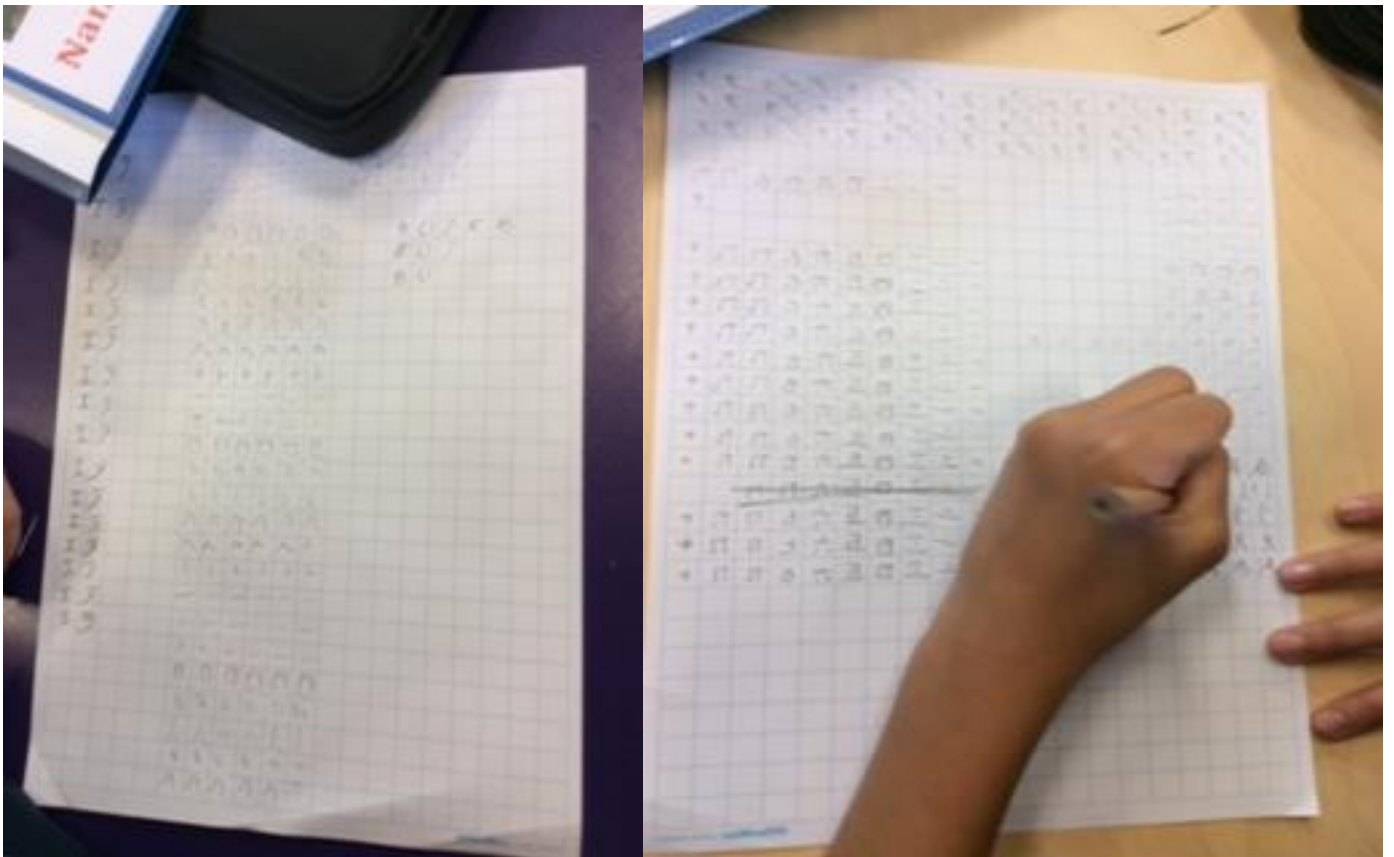




In years 4-6 we are fortunate to have a longer session once a fortnight and this enables us to have time to discuss and view you tube clips about many different aspects of Japan.

Here our year 6 students are working on becoming more familiar with the geographical details of Japan and its archipelago of islands. To understand the different cultural differences and subtleties within the regions as well as the language, culture, accents and food diversity within Japan as a nation.

Our writing in the upper grades has also improved greatly as we master the numbers 1-20, as well as learning greetings, classroom instructions and writing the Hiragana alphabet.



Through music and songs, games and creative lessons, we are learning about the fascinating language of Japan!

Don't forget to ask your children about their progress!

