



2020 日本語 –Year of the Rat!

ようこそ ! Welcome back to Japanese

We are very lucky to have many different Japanese assistant teachers throughout the year. Thank you to Rika sensei who comes to help with the grade 6 classes.

Overview of Term 1 Japanese:

Preps:

Preps this term are learning all about Japan, where it is, what language they speak, how we would get there, etc

They are learning basic greetings, some songs and how to write and read their name in Japanese

This term they will also learn about Setsubun festival and Hinamatsuri (girls' day) festival.

Year 1/2's:

This term the students will continue to practise their greetings, numbers, colours and writing their names. They will all research the animal year they were born in and enjoy Setsubun and Hinamatsuri festival.

Year 3/4:

They will continue to learn more basic phrases to communicate in the classroom. All students in years 3/4 are encouraged to ask in Japanese if they want to go to the toilet, get a drink or borrow something. This term we will look at the many festivals, including Setsubun (oni), Hinamatsuri (girls day) and the 12 zodiacs.

Year 5:

The year 5's will consolidate the language learnt last year and further their vocabulary building. They will also enjoy celebrating the many festivals, including Setsubun, Hinamatsuri, and the 12 zodiacs

Year 6:

The year 6's will be busy starting their 'belts' and trying to achieve each level. White belt is the first and the students need to be able to read and write their Katakana name, sing happy birthday in Japanese, know the first 10 hiragana characters, demonstrate 3 gestures in Japanese, name 4 greetings and perform a simple self-introduction. The students will also continue with storytelling in Japanese and start to read their stories using the 3 alphabet scripts.