



***Minasan Konnichiwa (Hello everyone)***

During term four, Prep students will revise their mathematical learning elements in Japanese. They will continuously use Japanese numbers 1-10 by oral repetition, number rhythm clapping, songs and game activities. Some Japanese lessons will follow the Japanese folk stories and famous Japanese picture books. Students will have an opportunity to use Japanese objects to enhance their mathematical skills as well.

Year 1 students will learn seasons and weather during this term. This topic is continuation on from last term's geography integrated studies. Students will learn the key Japanese words and phrases through oral repetitions, reading and writing activities and a lot of game activities. They will also look at seasons in Australia and Japan, create posters for the seasons, watch the Japanese weather forecast and present their imaginative weather forecast in Japanese.

Year 2 students will learn Japanese language and cultures through Japanese toys in order to incorporate their physics integrated studies. We will look at traditional Japanese toys and each student will create his/her own toy by using easily accessible materials such as scrap papers, cereal boxes, cups and strings. The students will have opportunities to observe the toys' movements, investigate what could happen if they change some of the conditions in the toys, and discuss cause and effect by changing the toys' structures.

Finally I would like to say huge "arigatoo" (thank you) to the year 3, 5 and 6 students who had Japanese lessons in the last week as a part of the planning week. I was thrilled to see their big smiles and enthusiastic participation in the lessons and most of all their increased maturity! Year 3 students created a "magic house" by folding paper, Year 5 students made origami ninja stars, and Year 6 students made origami cherry blossom. I had so many heart- warming moments with the students that kept me smiling throughout the whole week!

*Arigatoo gozaimasu (Thank you very much)*

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