

Schools in UK are invited to join 'Japan Creative Weeks' by hosting our Japanese visitors for creative cultural exchange,

'Japan Creative Weeks' is..

- A primary/secondary school visit program by a group of trained Japanese visitors
- To offer Japanese cultural sessions such as origami(1 hr), calligraphy(1 hr), Karuta(1 hr) and Creative Karuta* (4 hrs)
- for 1 - 3 days per school during the 2 weeks in Feb/Mar, East Kent and Sep, London

*What is Karuta ?

- Karuta a traditional Japanese card game around a theme using clue cards and the answer (e.g. a picture) on separate cards.
- The players compete to touch the matched answer cards with clues which are read out. The winner is the player with the most cards.
- The people can expand knowledge of the theme while having fun playing Karuta.

About Creative Karuta

- 'Creative Karuta' is a step-by-step session will help children learn Japan, then create their own set of cards themed around Japan & UK and finally play karuta with the new cards.

Creative Karuta session



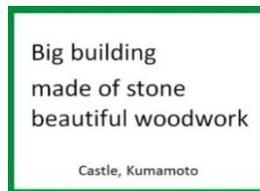
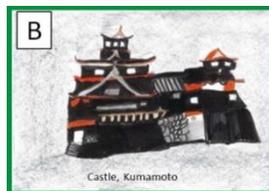
Learn about topics



Compose a clue



Draw the picture



Create the cards with pictures and clues



Present on the works



Play Karuta with the new cards

Benefits to Host School

- Enriching the curriculum through exposing the students to Japanese culture
- Increased student's creative skills in art, literacy and better team work
- A copy of the completed Karuta set (through Creative Karuta)

What is Host School to offer:

- No participation fee
- Classroom session hours
- Space for preparation
- PC with a projector, papers, stationaries
- School lunch and drinks if possible

Japanese visitors are...

- Mostly university students taking the initial week training at local English school, UK
- Joining the programme to learn UK culture, language through teaching experiences.

For Tokyo Olympic Games, 2020

- Creative Karuta session is a part of 'Karuta 2020', creating a special karuta set promoting Olympic participating countries
- The excellent works of your students will be nominated for the Karuta 2020 Award.

Words from teachers

- *"The children loved playing and making the Karuta card game. I liked the way they were doing literacy and art at the same time. The children were very proud of their pictures and poetic sentences."* **Y5 Teacher, Bromstone Primary School, Kent**
- *"The children had a lovely day making origami, drawing, singing and learning about Japanese culture. All the Japanese students were very friendly and taught the children well. This is the sort of thing the children will remember when they leave school. Thank you very much."*
Year 4 Teacher, St. Nicholas at Wade CE Primary School

British Ambassador says...

- *"The British Embassy Tokyo is pleased to support the work of the FROM JAPAN Institute and I look forward to seeing more of these creative cultural exchanges expanded to other communities across the UK and Japan."*
Mr Tim Hitchens, British Ambassador to Japan, June 2013

Partial List of Host Schools

East Kent

Primary Schools

- Adisham Primary School, Canterbury
- St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School, Thanet

Secondary schools

- Dane Court Grammar School, Thanet
- Dover Grammar School for Boys, Dover

Lancashire

Primary Schools

- St. Francis' Catholic Primary School, Preston
- St Thomas CE Primary School, Garsatng

London

Primary Schools

- Berrymede Junior School, Ealing
- West Acton Primary School, Ealing

Secondary Schools

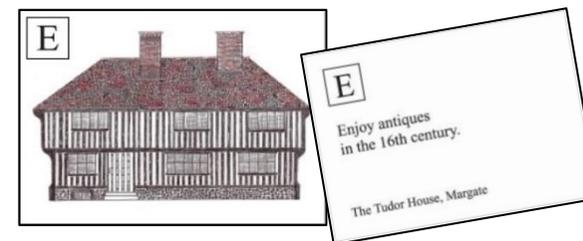
- Featherstone High School, Ealing

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