



# Japan

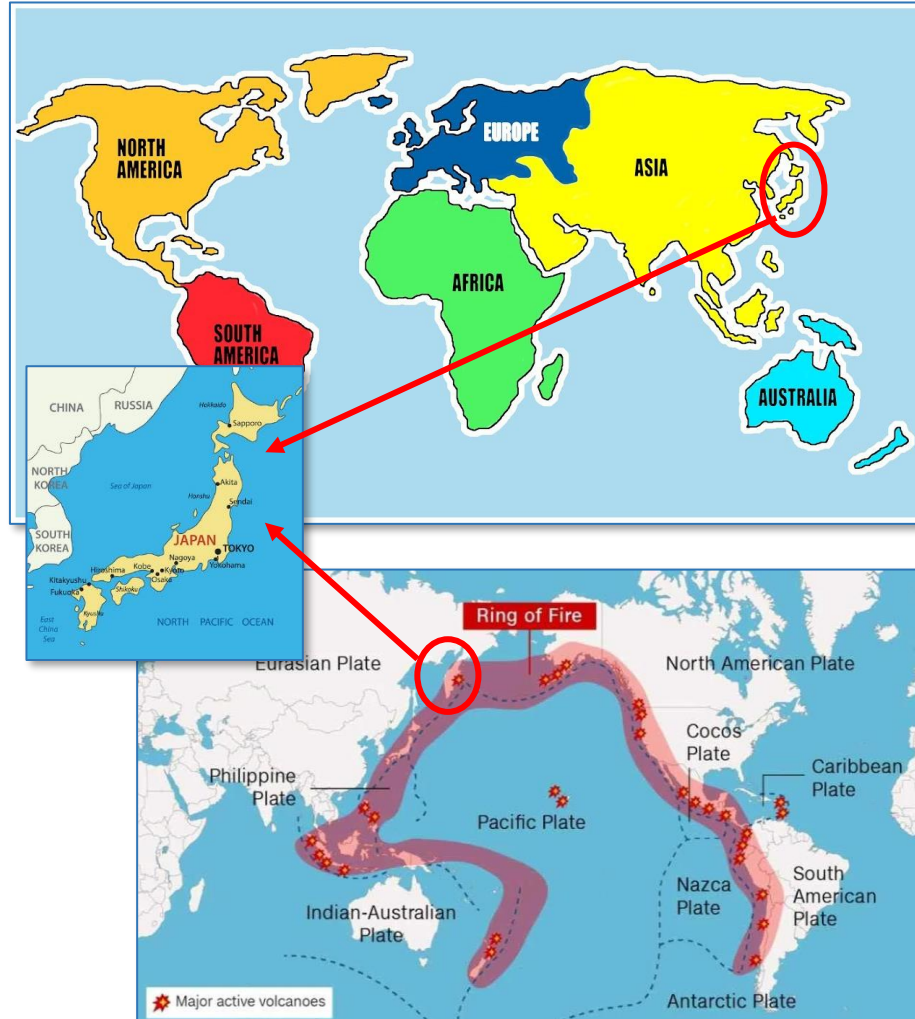
**Enquiry Question:** How have natural and manmade disasters impacted Japan's physical and human geography?

**Key Facts:**

- Japan is an **archipelagic** country located in East Asia.
- Japan is made up of five main islands (**Hokkaido**, **Honshu - the mainland** - **Shikoku**, **Kyushu**, and **Okinawa**) and thousands of smaller ones.
- British Isles (UK)- like Japan is a **cluster of islands**.
- The British Isles consist mainly of flat or **lowlands** that phase NW into more hilly country. Due to this **topography**, humans have been able to settle throughout.
- Japan is about 20% lowland.
- Japan has over **125 million inhabitants** and is densely populated into the available lowlands.
- Japan's terrain is mostly **rugged and mountainous** (73%).
- Japan's highest mountain is **Mount Fuji** - 3,776 m (12,388 ft).
- Japan is located in the north-western **Ring of Fire** on multiple **tectonic plates**
- Japan is prone to **earthquakes**, **tsunami** and **volcanoes** because of its location along the Pacific Ring of Fire.
- As many as 1,500 earthquakes are recorded yearly.
- Japan's physical geography impacts where people live, land use, farming, the development of its society and culture.
- Japan has also suffered a number of **man-made disasters**, e.g., **Fukushima** (a nuclear plant) **nuclear** disaster, **Hiroshima** and **Nagasaki** (atomic bombings in WW2) that have impacted both the physical and human geography

**Key Vocabulary and Glossary:**

<b>Human Geography</b>	Human geography is about how people move and live, e.g., buildings, roads, cities, structures.
<b>Physical Geography</b>	Physical geography is the study of Earth's natural features, e.g., oceans, forests, deserts, rivers, etc.
<b>Archipelago</b>	An archipelago is an area that contains a group of islands.
<b>Tectonic Plates</b>	Gigantic pieces of the Earth's crust broken up into large plates across the Earth.
<b>Ring of Fire</b>	A chain of volcanoes that surrounds the Pacific Ocean.
<b>Tsunami</b>	A large wave caused by movements of the Earth's outer layer.
<b>Nuclear Power</b>	A very powerful type of energy that can be used to create electricity for households or build bombs.



**Key Questions:**

- What is the Ring of Fire?
- How do earthquakes and volcanic eruptions take place?
- How has living with earthquakes and volcanic eruptions affected people's lives?
- Are there any benefits to living near a volcano?
- Which have had a worse effect on the natural environment, natural or man-made disasters?

## Autumn 2 – Year 6 – Japan - Homework

### CLASSES 6MV and 6CS

Homework to be completed and returned by  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, we are going to be learning about Japan. We will be learning about what life is like in this part of the world, a place full of tradition but with a very modern outlook on life. The children will learn about its physical and human geography, developing their place and locational knowledge.

### Homework Tasks

#### WRITING AND TOPIC

You have a scrap book to use to complete your homework project. Over the next six weeks complete some of these activities or make some up of your own.

#### TASKS

1. Write a set of instructions for making a Japanese dish.
2. Create a Japanese comic strip.
3. Write a Japanese fact file.

#### NOW CHOOSE SOME OR ALL OF THESE

1. Create a Japanese hanging lantern.
2. Paint a cherry blossom tree.
3. Design a kimono.
4. Create a Japanese fish wind sock.

Remember, great homework will lead to lots of extra **gems** for your house!

### Japan learning links:

#### BBC Teach

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-ks1-ks2-your-world-tokyo-london/zv9pbdm> - Two children's lives in bustling capitals London and Tokyo

**BBC Bitesize** – explore Asia - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyhp34j/articles/zmy7m39>

[https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key\\_stage\\_two/ks2\\_geography/tokyo\\_and\\_japan/tokyo.html](https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_geography/tokyo_and_japan/tokyo.html)

**BBC Bitesize** – what are latitude and longitude.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvsfr82/articles/zxdpn9q>

**National Geographic Kids** – Japan -

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/facts-about-japan/>

**3D Geography** – Geography of Japan -

<https://www.3dgeography.co.uk/geography-of-japan>

### Places to Visit:

The V&A –

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/>

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/japan-myths-to-manga>

British Museum

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/>


<https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/galleries/japan>  
<https://www.britishmuseum.org/exhibitions/hokusai-great-picture-book-everything/timeline-japanese-artist-katsushika-hokusai>

### Reading

Remember to read each day and get an adult to sign your reading record. Don't forget to collect your rewards for reading!



### Spelling

Don't forget spelling rules for your Spelling words  will go home with you Friday for your collaborative test the following week!

### Maths

Remember to revise your **time tables**.

Practice the **number facts** you are working on each week. You will be tested on these!

And please don't forget to log onto **Times Table Rock Stars**



### Recommended Reads:

