

# Juunishi Times



Konnichiwa!

I hope you had a happy and safe summer holiday!

In Japanese this term, we will be focusing on identifying, reading and writing the 3 different scripts in the Japanese language.

## RECEPTION-YEAR 2

They will do this by:

- recognising and beginning to write single kanji, such as 一、二、三,
- recognising and beginning to write the 46 hiragana symbols and some hiragana words
- identifying the three different scripts in Japanese, hiragana, kanji and katakana
- understanding that hiragana represents the basic units of Japanese sound and apply that knowledge in their communication.

## YEAR 3 - YEAR 4

They will do this by:

- reading and writing the 46 hiragana, including long vowel sounds, voiced sounds and blended sounds, as well as high frequency kanji
- identifying both vowel and long vowel-consonant sounds, recognising that vowel sounds can be elongated
- using the hiragana chart to support their reading and writing, recognising its systematic nature.

## YEAR 5 - YEAR 6

They will do this by:

- reading and writing all hiragana, including voiced sounds, long vowel sounds, double consonants and blends and high frequency kanji
- understanding and using the hiragana chart to pronounce contracted and blended sounds and exceptions to phonetic rules
- applying their knowledge of stroke order to form characters
- identifying words from other languages used in Japanese and how the pronunciation, form and meaning of borrowed words can change when used in Japanese.

## YEAR 7

They will do this by:

- reading and writing hiragana, reading katakana, and writing familiar katakana words, including elongated vowels, double consonants and contractions
- reading and writing high frequency kanji for verbs, nouns and adjectives
- reading some compound words
- understanding that the pronunciation of katakana is the same as that of hiragana, and that the pronunciation of borrowed words is influenced by the Japanese sound system.

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