

# 日本語



## Year 4 Sakura Tree Art lesson

In Year 4, we are preparing for the end of term open night and have been learning about the significant cultural practice of Hanami -Flower viewing, and the importance of cherry blossoms in Japan.

Known as 'Sakura', cherry blossoms are synonymous with Japanese culture and are seen to embody the fragile beauty of life itself. As the weather warms in spring, the flowers bloom and Japan will emerge from the long, cold winter. Spirits rise while families and friends gather to wander underneath the beautiful canopy of pink and white, to share a meal, drink, or just ponder the fleeting beauty of the blossoms and enjoy 'Hanami' (flower-viewing) together

The blossoms can be appreciated on many levels, starting with their simple beauty. On a deeper level, many Japanese associate the blossoms with life itself. Beautiful, fragile and ephemeral, life much like the blossoms must be cherished and celebrated, in acknowledgment that neither will last forever.









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