

## Japan: Seasonal Series

### March Hina-matsuri

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#### Learning Objective:

- To learn about the foods, decorations and customs associated with Hina-matsuri; a festival for girls in Japan.

#### Curriculum Links:

National Curriculum Guidelines for MFL Key Stage 2:

- Broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words

#### Keywords:

<i>hinamatsuri</i>	Dolls Festival
<i>hina arare</i>	rice crackers offered to the dolls
<i>amazake</i>	sweet rice wine offered to the dolls
<i>chirashi zushi</i>	'scattered' sushi
<i>hishi mochi</i>	diamond shaped, multi-coloured rice cake

#### Resources:

- Hina-matsuri Background Notes
- Hina-matsuri Presentation
- Hina-matsuri Origami Instructions (easy and difficult)
- Hina-matsuri Colouring Page

#### Additional Resources:

- Doll bookmark tutorial (external resource): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMUrr-HpbGk>
- Hina Kanji Worksheet

## Task 1

1. Ask students if they know what International Women's Day is and if so when it is? Explain that in March in Japan there is a much older, traditional festival that celebrates girls called Hina-matsuri.
2. Explain Hina-matsuri celebrations in Japan using the **Hina-matsuri Presentation**.

**Estimated Time:** 10 minutes

## Task 2

1. Tell students they are going to do a team quiz about the doll's festival on slide 8 of the PowerPoint presentation.
2. Divide the class into two teams or small groups and award 1/2/4 points to the team depending on the question.

**Answers:** a) Doll, b) 3<sup>rd</sup> March, c) for the health and happiness of girls, d) It's bad luck to leave them out, e) White, pink, green and yellow

**Estimated Time:** 10 minutes

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## Task 3

1. Tell students they are going to make paper origami dolls (alternatively, students can colour in or decorate the **Hina-matsuri Colouring Page**)
2. Use the printed **Origami Instructions** to make the dolls – one for the emperor and one for the empress. Students can follow along by watching the teacher on a visualiser or follow the instructions (there are two versions – easy or difficult for older students).

**Estimated Time:** 20 minutes

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## Extension Activities

1. Show the [video tutorial](#) of how to make an origami doll bookmark.
2. Use the **Hina Kanji Worksheet** to teach students about Japanese dates and practice writing the kanji for month and day.
3. Use the **Japanese Woman Profile Worksheet**; students can learn about inspirational Japanese women and do their own research to write a profile.