



JAPAN FOUNDATION

2017-18 スクール・カレンダー Youkai School Calendar

September · 9月

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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October · 10月

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
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What are Youkai?

While you may have heard of them through anime or video games, stories of *youkai* have existed in Japan in various forms since ancient times. Whether you should consider them as a spirit or a monster can also depend on the *youkai* itself - some are helpful, some are mischievous, and some are downright dangerous.

November · 11月

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
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ゆきおんな 雪女・Yuki Onna

With skin as cold as ice, the Yuki Onna appears as a beautiful woman all dressed in white. She is actually, however, a very dangerous *youkai*.

On snowy nights, if she ever comes knocking at your door asking to be let in, watch out! She may freeze you solid with her icy breath or suck the very life out of you!



December · 12月

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
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てんぐ 天狗・Tengu

The red-faced, long-nosed Tengu live in the mountains, and possess magical items such as an invisibility cloak and an *uchiwa* fan made out of a leaf that can stir up the wind or even change the size of people's noses. Although they use their magic to startle or frighten humans, Tengu are often considered to be a protective mountain spirit.



January · 1月

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
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February · 2月

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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March · 3月

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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April · 4月

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
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かっぱ 河童・Kappa

Kappa live in rivers and lakes in Japan, and have a plate on their head where they carry water from their homes whenever they venture out on dry land. Kappa can be quite dangerous, and are known to lure unfortunate humans who cross their path into the water and eat them. However, they would much rather eat a cucumber!



June · 6月

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
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ざしきわらし 座敷童子 Zashiki Warashi

These are spirits that live in Japanese homes. They like to play pranks on people, but it's also said that good luck comes to those who see one. That is why although rather mischievous, they are believed to bring fortune to the homes they inhabit.

But if the Zashiki Warashi ever leaves your home, look out! All your good fortunes will leave with it!



May · 5月

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
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やまのおろち 八岐大蛇 Yamata no Orochi

The Yamata no Orochi was an eight-headed dragon that appeared in Japanese mythology. It was a monster of such giant proportions that it was said to be as large as eight mountains and eight valleys. This ancient monster, which was so powerful it took a Storm God to defeat it, paved the way for what we know today as *youkai*.



August · 8月

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