



**The world this week**  
**Building with nappies**

# Where are we this week?

This country begins with a 'J'

Its national tree is a cherry blossom!

It's in Asia, near South Korea.



# It is Japan!

It's a string of islands in the Pacific Ocean with a population of 125.3 million people.

Its capital city is Tokyo.

UTC +9 hours

Konnichiwa!



# Why is Japan in the news?

Because a group of scientists came up with a new way of making concrete...



...using dirty nappies!

**Concrete is a widely used building material, made by mixing sand, water and cement. But mining for sand pollutes nature... And so do used nappies!**

*Replacing some of the sand with cleaned and shredded nappies helps remove waste...*



*...and the new concrete is just as strong and good enough to build with!*

# Over to you!

Using the world map, where is Japan in relation to the Tropics and Equator? What do you think the climate is like?



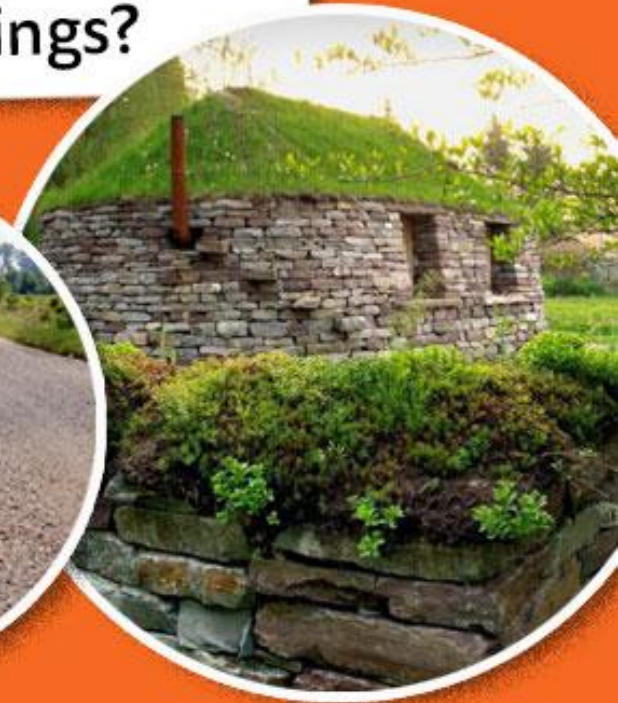
Do you know any facts about Japan?



Should we just ban concrete and single-use nappies?

# Over to you!

Imagine concrete didn't exist.  
Which materials could we use instead  
to build roads and buildings?



***Thank you!***

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