

Year 4 Religious Education Assessment: Chinese New Year

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the traditions, symbolism, and significance of Chinese New Year.

Read each question carefully. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided. Ensure you use full sentences for longer responses.

Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar New Year, is a significant festival celebrated by millions of people around the world. It is a time for families to gather, honour ancestors, and welcome good fortune for the year ahead. The festival is filled with bright colours, especially red and gold, which represent luck and happiness. Each year is associated with one of twelve animals from the Chinese zodiac. During the fifteen-day celebration, people clean their homes to sweep away bad luck, exchange gifts of money in red envelopes, and enjoy delicious traditional meals.

Word bank: Lunar · Zodiac · Prosperity · Red envelope · Lantern · Tradition · Celebration · Ancestor

1. Why is the festival also known as the 'Lunar New Year'? (2 marks)

2. Identify two colours that are important during the celebrations and explain what they symbolise. (2 marks)

3. Max the monkey is curious about the zodiac. How many animals are there in the Chinese zodiac cycle? (1 mark)

4. Explain why people clean their homes before the festival begins. (2 marks)

5. Ellie the elephant wants to know about the 'red envelope' tradition. Describe what happens and what it represents. (3 marks)

6. Compare how Chinese New Year celebrations might differ from other family festivals you have learned about. Think about food, decorations, or family time. (4 marks)

7. Imagine you are hosting a Chinese New Year dinner. Write a short paragraph (5-6 sentences) explaining how you would prepare for the event, what traditions you would include, and why it is important to show respect to family and ancestors during this time. (5 marks)

8. If a family buys 4 decorative lanterns costing £2.50 each, how much do they spend in total? Show your maths working. (6 marks)

Draw: Draw a traditional Chinese lantern or a zodiac animal of your choice. Use patterns and bright colours to show why they are important for the festival.



Extension challenge: Research which animal represents the year you were born in the Chinese zodiac. Write a short poem about the traits of that animal. Total: /25