

Chinese New Year Flashcards

Learning objective: To understand the key traditions, symbols, and beliefs associated with the Chinese New Year celebrations.

Cut out these cards. Use the front to test your knowledge of the term or question, then flip it over to check if your answer is correct!

What is another name for Chinese New Year?

The Spring Festival

Which calendar is used to determine the date of Chinese New Year?

The Lunar Calendar (based on the cycles of the moon)

What colour is most commonly used during celebrations to bring luck and happiness?

Red

What are 'Hongbao'?

Red envelopes containing money given to children for good luck

What is the Chinese Zodiac?

A cycle of 12 years, with each year represented by a different animal

Why are firecrackers traditionally set off during the celebrations?

To make loud noises that scare away evil spirits

What is a common food eaten during the festival to symbolise prosperity and wealth?

Dumplings or fish

What is the purpose of the Lion Dance or Dragon Dance?

To bring good luck and fortune to the community

Why do families clean their houses thoroughly before the New Year begins?

To sweep away the bad luck of the previous year and make room for the new

Who is the most important person to spend time with during the celebrations?

Family (it is a time for family reunions)

How long do the celebrations typically last?

Up to 15 days, ending with the Lantern Festival

What do lanterns symbolise during the festival?

Hope, light, and a bright future