

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?	Which calendar is used to determine the date of Chinese New Year?
The Spring Festival	The Lunar Calendar (based on the cycles of the moon)
What colour is most commonly used during celebrations to bring luck and happiness?	What are 'Hongbao'?
Red	Red envelopes containing money given to children for good luck
What is the Chinese Zodiac?	Why are firecrackers traditionally set off during the celebrations?
A cycle of 12 years, with each year represented by a different animal	To make loud noises that scare away evil spirits
What is a common food eaten during the festival to symbolise prosperity and wealth?	What is the purpose of the Lion Dance or Dragon Dance?
Dumplings or fish	To bring good luck and fortune to the community
Why do families clean their houses thoroughly before the New Year begins?	Who is the most important person to spend time with during the celebrations?
To sweep away the bad luck of the previous year and make room for the new	Family (it is a time for family reunions)
How long do the celebrations typically last?	What do lanterns symbolise during the festival?
Up to 15 days, ending with the Lantern Festival	Hope, light, and a bright future