

# Chinese New Year Fact-File

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

Use your research and classroom learning to complete this fact-file. Fill in each section carefully to show what you know about how Chinese New Year is celebrated around the world.

*Word bank: Lunar Calendar · Zodiac · Red Envelopes · Tradition · Symbolism · Festivities · Prosperity*

**1. The Lunar Calendar: How is the date of Chinese New Year decided and why does it change every year? (2 marks)**

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**2. The Chinese Zodiac: Which animal represents the current year and what are some of the personality traits linked to that animal? (2 marks)**

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**3. Colour and Symbolism: Why is the colour red so important during these celebrations? What does it represent? (2 marks)**

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**4. Family Traditions: Describe two things that families typically do together to prepare for the New Year. (3 marks)**

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**5. Food and Luck: What are some traditional foods eaten during the festival and why are they chosen? (2 marks)**

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**6. Gifts and Giving: Explain the tradition of red envelopes (hongbao) and what they are given for. (2 marks)**

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*Extension challenge: Imagine you are helping Max the monkey organise a Chinese New Year celebration. List three specific items you would need to buy from a shop and estimate the total cost in pounds (£) and pence (p).*