

Celebrating Chinese New Year

Discover the magic of the Spring Festival with Pip and friends!

- Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival, marking the end of winter and the start of a new growing season.
- The color red is very important as it symbolises luck, happiness, and is believed to scare away bad spirits.
- Families gather for a huge reunion dinner, often eating dumplings and fish to bring good fortune for the year ahead.
- Children often receive 'hongbao', which are red envelopes containing money, as a gift of luck and prosperity.
- The Chinese Zodiac is a 12-year cycle where each year is represented by an animal, such as the Dragon, Rabbit, or Tiger.
- Loud firecrackers and vibrant lion dances are used to celebrate and bring joy to the community.

Did you know? Did you know? The date of Chinese New Year changes every year because it follows the lunar calendar, which is based on the cycles of the moon rather than the sun!

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