

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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