

Chinese New Year Word Mat

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

Key Vocabulary

Use this mat to help you explore the traditions of Chinese New Year. The words are grouped by Traditions, Symbols, and Beliefs.

Lunar Calendar A calendar based on the ph...	Spring Festival Another name for Chinese ...	Red Envelopes (... Small red packets conta...
Firecrackers Loud noisemakers used to sca...	Dragon Dance A performance where a team...	Lion Dance A traditional dance involving two...
Dumplings A popular food eaten during the ...	Nian A mythical beast from legend that was ...	Chinese Zodiac A cycle of twelve years, wit...
Twelve Animals The creatures of the zodiac...	Red Color The most important color of the f...	Family Reunion The tradition of family mem...
Cleaning The practice of cleaning the home ...	Lanterns Brightly colored decorations that li...	Mandarin The official language of China, oft...
Good Fortune The hope that the coming ye...	Which animal rep...	Why do people u...
What is the purp...	Explain why the ...	If a child received...