

Celebrating Chinese New Year

Learning objective: To describe the traditions and meanings behind Chinese New Year celebrations.

Use the prompts below to write a detailed report about Chinese New Year. Use the word bank to help you link your ideas together and make your writing flow.

Chinese New Year is one of the most vibrant and important festivals in the world.

Word bank: traditionally · symbolises · furthermore · in addition · celebrated · prosperity · meaningful · consequently

1. What is Chinese New Year? (When does it happen and why is it called the Lunar New Year?) Start with: Chinese New Year is celebrated...

2. How do people prepare for the festival? (Think about cleaning the house and decorations). Start with: To prepare for the celebrations, families...

3. What are the most important symbols and colors used? (Why is red so important?). Start with: The color red is used because it symbolises...

4. What happens during the celebrations? (Mention food, firecrackers, or dragon dances). Start with: During the festivities, you might see...

5. What are 'red envelopes' and why are they given? Start with: A special tradition is giving red envelopes, which...

6. Why is the Chinese Zodiac important during this time? Start with: Every year is associated with a different animal, such as...

Extension challenge: Can you research which animal represents the current year and write a sentence explaining the personality traits associated with that animal?