

My Chinese New Year Fact-File with Nova

Learning objective: To understand the traditions, history, and significance of the Lunar New Year festival.

Join Nova the owl as we explore the traditions of Chinese New Year! Use your own research or classroom resources to complete this fact-file. Write clearly and ensure your facts are accurate.

Word bank: Lunar · Zodiac · Tradition · Prosperity · Festival · Celebration · Customs · Lanterns

1. The Legend of the Zodiac: Briefly explain how the Chinese Zodiac animals were chosen according to the traditional story. (3 marks)

2. Festive Traditions: Describe two common activities that families participate in to prepare for the New Year celebrations. (2 marks)

3. Symbolism and Colours: Explain why the colour red is so important during this festival and what it represents. (2 marks)

4. The Lunar Calendar: How is the date for Chinese New Year decided each year compared to the calendar we use in the UK? (2 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: If you were celebrating this festival, which tradition would you be most excited to try and why? (1 mark)

Extension challenge: Research your own birth year and identify which animal represents it in the Chinese Zodiac. Write a short paragraph explaining the personality traits associated with that animal.