

Class 4 Religious Education Assessment: Lunar New Year Traditions

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the symbols, customs, and significance of the Lunar New Year celebration.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you express your ideas clearly. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Lunar New Year is a significant festival celebrated by billions of people across the world. It marks the first new moon of the lunisolar calendar. The festival is a time for families to gather, honour ancestors, and welcome good fortune for the year ahead. Each year is represented by one of twelve animals in the zodiac cycle. Red is a very important colour during this time, often seen in decorations and gifts, as it is believed to bring good luck and drive away bad fortune.

Word bank: Lunar · Zodiac · Prosperity · Red envelopes · Lanterns · Tradition · Ancestor · Harmony

1. Identify two reasons why families gather to celebrate the Lunar New Year. (2 marks)

2. Why do you think the colour red is used so frequently in decorations during this festival? (2 marks)

3. Explain the significance of the twelve animals in the zodiac cycle. How might these influence the way people view a specific year? (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the Lunar New Year celebrations with a celebration you are familiar with in your own culture. What similarities can you find regarding the importance of family? (4 marks)

5. Max the monkey is trying to calculate the cost of a feast. If one packet of decorations costs £3.50 and he buys four packets, plus a special lantern for £8.25, how much has he spent in total? Show your working. (4 marks)

6. Justify why festivals like the Lunar New Year are important for maintaining a sense of community and history. Provide at least two reasons. (5 marks)

7. What might happen if a family chose to ignore all traditional customs during this festival? Explain your reasoning. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing how you would decorate a room to welcome the Lunar New Year, including at least three symbols of prosperity and luck.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Creative Task: Imagine you are writing a poem about the start of a new year. Use the theme of 'new beginnings' and include at least three metaphors to describe the hope people feel for the future.