

# Celebrating Chinese New Year with Nova and Kit

Step into the Lunar New Year: Explore traditions, colours, and light!

- The festival is based on the lunar calendar, which follows the cycles of the moon rather than the sun.
- Families often clean their homes thoroughly before the new year to 'sweep away' bad luck and make space for good fortune.
- Red is a very important colour during the celebrations because it is believed to bring good luck, joy, and prosperity to the family.
- The Chinese Zodiac follows a twelve-year cycle, with each year represented by a specific animal, such as the Dragon, Rabbit, or Tiger.
- The festival concludes with the beautiful Lantern Festival, where people release glowing lanterns into the sky or display them in the streets.

*Did you know? Did you know? Chinese New Year is also called the Spring Festival. It marks the very first day of the new moon and traditionally signals the end of the coldest winter days and the arrival of the spring season!*

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