

Zara's Lunar New Year Pattern Trail

Learning objective: To understand that some communities celebrate the Lunar New Year by following traditions and patterns, and to recognise symbols associated with the festival.

Zara the Zebra loves patterns! In many families, the Lunar New Year is a time for cleaning, wearing new clothes, and sharing special food. Help Zara finish her festive pattern trail by matching the symbols to the correct tradition. Draw a line from the item on the left to the reason it is used during the celebration.

Word bank: Red envelope · Lion dance · Cleaning · New clothes · Lanterns

1. 1. Why do people sweep their homes before the New Year starts? (Hint: To sweep away the old and make room for good luck!) (2 marks)

2. 2. Zara found a red envelope. What do you think might be inside to show kindness to friends or family? (2 marks)

3. 3. If you were planning a celebration, what special colour would you use to decorate your room to show happiness? (2 marks)

4. 4. Max the Monkey wants to buy 2 red lanterns that cost £1 each. How much money does he need in total? (2 marks)

5. 5. Why do you think people like to celebrate with their families and friends? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of yourself wearing your favourite bright clothes to celebrate a special day with your family. Include a red lantern in your drawing!



Extension challenge: Talk to an adult about a special day your family celebrates. How is it the same or different to the traditions Zara has shown us today?