

Celebrating Chinese New Year with Zara the Zebra

Learning objective: To understand that Chinese New Year is a special festival celebrated by families, involving traditions like red decorations, lucky money, and special food.

Help Zara the Zebra learn about the traditions of Chinese New Year! Read the questions carefully and use the word bank to help you answer.

Word bank: Red · Gold · Envelope · Family · Lanterns · Dragon

1. Zara sees people decorating their homes. What colour do you think is used to bring good luck during Chinese New Year? (1 mark)

2. In the celebration, children are sometimes given a special red pocket. What is this called in the word bank? (1 mark)

3. Chinese New Year is a time for people to come together. Who do people usually celebrate this special day with? (1 mark)

4. If you were given a lucky red envelope with £2 inside, would you have enough to buy a toy that costs £5? Explain why. (2 marks)

5. Zara sees a big, colourful creature dancing in the street during the parade. Which animal from the word bank is it? (1 mark)

Draw: Zara the Zebra wants to decorate her art studio for the festival. Draw a beautiful red lantern and a gold dragon to help her celebrate!



Extension challenge: Ask an adult at home if they know any other festivals where people give gifts or decorate their homes. Share one thing you learned about Chinese New Year with a friend.