

A Celebration with Zara the Zebra

Learning objective: To understand the traditions and symbols of Chinese New Year.

Zara the Zebra is helping her friends get ready for Chinese New Year. Look at the list of traditions below. Decide if each one is a way people celebrate or not. Tick the box for 'Yes' if it is a tradition, or 'No' if it is not. Use the word bank to help you.

Word bank: Red envelopes · Cleaning the house · Eating dumplings · Lion dance · Christmas tree

1. 1. Giving red envelopes with money inside to family and friends. (Yes / No) (2 marks)

2. 2. Cleaning the house to sweep away bad luck. (Yes / No) (2 marks)

3. 3. Eating delicious dumplings for good luck. (Yes / No) (2 marks)

4. 4. Watching a colourful lion dance in the street. (Yes / No) (2 marks)

5. 5. Decorating a large Christmas tree. (Yes / No) (2 marks)

Draw: Zara is painting a beautiful red lantern. Draw a picture of a Chinese lantern and colour it in using bright red and gold patterns.



Extension challenge: If you were giving a red envelope to a friend, how much money would you put inside? Write down an amount using £ (for example: £1.50) and explain why you chose that amount.