

My Chinese New Year Fact-File with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify and describe key traditions and customs associated with the Chinese New Year festival.

Hello! I am Max. I love solving puzzles, and learning about festivals is like a big, colourful puzzle! Use this fact-file to record what you have learned about Chinese New Year. Read the questions carefully and write your answers in the boxes provided. You can use the word bank to help you with your spelling.

Word bank: Lunar · Red · Envelope · Lion dance · Family · Zodiac · Lantern · Spring

1. What is the main reason families celebrate this festival? (Sentence starter: Families celebrate to...) (2 marks)

2. Why do people often wear the colour red or give red envelopes? (Sentence starter: Red is used because...) (2 marks)

3. List two special traditions or performances you have learned about. (Example: One tradition is...) (2 marks)

4. Why is this festival sometimes called the Spring Festival? (Sentence starter: It is called the Spring Festival because...) (2 marks)

Extension challenge: If you were buying a small gift for a friend for Chinese New Year, and it cost £3.50, how much change would you get from a £5.00 note? Show your working out below!