

A Celebration of Light and New Beginnings: Chinese New Year

Join Nova the Owl on a journey of discovery to celebrate the vibrant festival of light and hope!

- The festival is based on the lunar calendar, which tracks the phases of the moon rather than the solar year used in the Gregorian calendar.
- Families gather for a reunion dinner on New Year's Eve, considered the most important meal of the year to honour ancestors and strengthen family bonds.
- The colour red is essential during the celebrations as it is believed to bring good fortune and ward off bad luck or negative energy.
- Each year is associated with one of twelve animals from the Chinese Zodiac, which rotate in a specific, repeating cycle.
- The festival concludes with the Lantern Festival, where participants carry glowing lanterns to signify illumination and wisdom for the year ahead.

Did you know? Did you know? Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival. It marks the end of the coldest days of winter and welcomes the arrival of spring, symbolising new beginnings and the rejuvenation of nature.

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