A Celebration with Zara: The Chinese New Year Quiz

Learning objective: To understand the traditions, symbolism, and cultural significance of Chinese New Year.

Join Zara the zebra as she explores the patterns and traditions of the Lunar New Year. Read the questions carefully and test your knowledge!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Red envelopes, 4.B, 5.False, 6.A, 7.True, 8.Spring Festival, 9.C, 10.Cleaning the house. All questions are worth 1 mark each.

Word bank: Lunar · Zodiac · Red envelopes · Lanterns · Dragon · Spring Festival

1. 1. Which animal is famously used in street parades to bring good luck during the celebrations? A) A giant bear B) A lion C) A dragon* D) A tiger (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Chinese New Year is based on the lunar calendar. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the gift often given to children inside red packets? (One word answer) (1 mark)

4. 4. What colour is considered the luckiest during this festival? A) Blue B) Red* C) Yellow D) Green (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The festival lasts for exactly one day. (1 mark)

6. 6. How many animals are there in the Chinese Zodiac cycle? A) 12* B) 10 C) 7 D) 15 (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: People often sweep their houses before the New Year to 'sweep away' bad luck. (1 mark)

8. 8. What is another common name for Chinese New Year? (Two word answer) (1 mark)

9. 9. Which of these is a traditional food often eaten for good fortune? A) Fish* B) Porridge C) Toast D) Cheese (1 mark)

10. 10. What do families often decorate their homes with at the end of the festival? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful, colourful paper lantern decorated with patterns inspired by the Chinese Zodiac animals. Use your favourite bright colours!

Extension challenge: Imagine you are hosting a Chinese New Year dinner. If you bought 5 red lanterns at £2.50 each and a pack of decorations for £3.75, what is the total cost of your supplies?