Celebrating Chinese New Year with Rosa the Parrot

Learning objective: I can explain the traditions and meaning of Chinese New Year.

About 30 minutes. Grown-up tip: Talk to your child about special days your own family celebrates and what makes them meaningful.

Read each question carefully. Some questions ask for a short answer, while others ask you to explain your ideas. If you need help, look at the word bank for clues.

Rosa the parrot has been travelling across the world to learn about the Spring Festival, also known as Chinese New Year. It is a time for families to gather together, clean their homes to sweep away bad luck, and welcome a fresh start. People decorate their houses with bright red lanterns and give gifts of money in red envelopes to bring good fortune. Each year is named after one of twelve animals in the Chinese zodiac cycle.

Word bank: Lunar · Spring Festival · Red envelopes · Zodiac · Lanterns · Family · Cleaning · Luck

1. 1. What is another name for Chinese New Year? (1 mark) (1 mark)

2. 2. Why do families clean their homes before the festival begins? (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. 3. Name two items that are used to decorate homes during this celebration. (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. 4. Why are red envelopes given as gifts? Explain what they represent. (3 marks) (3 marks)

5. 5. Think about the traditions you have learned. Why is spending time with family such an important part of the Spring Festival? Give two reasons. (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. 6. Imagine you are planning a party for the Spring Festival. Write a short plan (5 sentences) describing what you would do to celebrate. You must include details about food, decorations, and who you would invite. (8 marks) (8 marks)

7. 7. Rosa says the festival is about 'new beginnings'. What does this mean to you? Give a reason for your answer. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: A friendly parrot named Rosa wearing a colourful scarf, perched on a branch next to a bright red Chinese lantern.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Research the animal sign for your birth year and write a poem about that animal's special traits.

I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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