Celebrate with Zara: Chinese New Year Patterns

Learning objective: I can explore the traditions of Chinese New Year through art and labelling.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Ask your child why red and gold are such important colours during this special time of year.

Follow the steps below to draw your own festive scene. Remember to use bright colours like red and gold, which are lucky colours in this celebration. For example: if you draw a lantern, colour it red and add gold tassels at the bottom.

Draw: Draw a joyful scene celebrating Chinese New Year. Include a large lantern hanging from an oak tree branch, a dancing dragon moving through the air, and red envelopes on the ground. Use bold, bright colours and clean lines. Add patterns like scales to the dragon's body.

Label words: Lantern · Red envelope · Dragon · Lucky coin · Firecracker

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large, round paper lantern in the centre of your page. Add a string at the top.
2. Step 2: Draw a small rectangle below the lantern to represent a red envelope (hongbao) often given as a gift.
3. Step 3: Draw a wavy line behind your lantern to show the body of a dancing dragon.

4. Step 4: Label your drawing using at least three words from the word bank provided.
5. Challenge: Why do you think people choose the colour red for these decorations?



I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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