Max's Chinese New Year Adventure

1. C) A dragon (1 mark)

Working: The Chinese zodiac includes twelve animals, and the dragon is one of them.

Award 1 mark for the correct letter.

2. True (1 mark)

Working: The festival marks the end of winter and the start of spring.

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

3. Red (1 mark)

Working: Red is considered a lucky colour in Chinese culture.

Award 1 mark for the correct colour.

4. B) Money (1 mark)

Working: Red envelopes (hongbao) are traditionally filled with money as a gift.

Award 1 mark for the correct letter.

5. True (1 mark)

Working: Cleaning is done to clear out old bad luck to make room for new good luck.

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

6. False (1 mark)

Working: The date changes because it follows the lunar calendar.

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

7. A) Red lanterns (1 mark)

Working: Lanterns are a common decoration used to brighten the festival.

Award 1 mark for the correct letter.

8. False (1 mark)

Working: It is a spring festival, usually occurring in January or February.

Award 1 mark for the correct answer.

9. C) A lion dance (1 mark)

Working: The lion dance is a traditional performance to bring good luck.

Award 1 mark for the correct letter.

10. To sweep away bad luck. (2 marks)

Look for: The idea of removing bad luck or making space for good luck.

Good: To clean the house.

Better: To sweep away the bad luck from last year.

Best: People clean their homes to sweep away any bad luck from the past year so they can start fresh.

What moves an answer up: The best answer explains the purpose behind the action rather than just stating the action itself.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer shows an understanding that the festival is rooted in tradition, symbolism, and the lunar calendar rather than just being a party.

If your child is stuck

Encourage the child to think about why we might clean our own rooms or why we give gifts on special birthdays. Remind them that symbols like colours often have special meanings in different cultures.

Common mistakes to watch for

Children often assume the date is fixed like Christmas (25th December) and may struggle to understand why it changes each year. They may also confuse the lion dance with other animal-themed

performances.