Designing the Lunar New Year Celebration

Learning objective: I can identify and illustrate key symbols and traditions associated with the Lunar New Year to explain their cultural significance.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Ask your child which animal represents their birth year in the Chinese zodiac.

Follow the drawing prompts below to create a detailed scene of a Lunar New Year celebration. Use the word bank to label your diagram accurately. Example: When drawing the red envelope (hongbao), ensure you include the gold pattern on the front, as this represents good fortune.

Draw: Create a landscape-oriented drawing showing a vibrant street scene. Include a large, winding dragon puppet being carried by people in the centre. Hang red lanterns from the top of the page. Include a small shop front with 'Calligraphy' scrolls hanging by the door. In the foreground, draw a person handing a 'Red envelope' to a child. Add small, decorative firecracker shapes near the bottom corners.

Label words: Lantern · Red envelope · Dragon · Firecracker · Nian · Calligraphy

Steps:

1. Draw a traditional red lantern in the top left corner of your page. Why is the colour red traditionally used for these celebrations?
2. Sketch a 'hongbao' (red envelope). In your own words, explain what is typically placed inside one and why

it is given to children.

3. Label the 'Dragon' in your drawing. Research and write one sentence explaining why the dragon is a central figure in the traditional parade.

4. Add a small piece of calligraphy to your drawing. What does the concept of 'luck' or 'prosperity' represent in this festival?

5. Identify one way that families prepare for the New Year, other than decorating, and draw a small symbol for it in the corner.



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