Celebrating Traditions: The Spirit of Chinese New Year

Learning objective: I can write a descriptive report explaining the customs and significance of Chinese New Year.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Encourage your child to use relative clauses to add extra detail to their sentences, such as 'The festival, which lasts for fifteen days, is a time for reflection.'

Use this scaffold to structure your report. Remember to include a formal tone suitable for an information text. For example, instead of saying 'It is cool', use 'The tradition is considered significant because...'. Ensure you use cohesive devices like 'furthermore' or 'consequently' to link your ideas.

Chinese New Year, often referred to as the Spring Festival, is a vibrant period of celebration that marks the beginning of the lunar calendar.

Word bank: tradition · lunar calendar · symbolise · festivities · prosperity · furthermore · consequently · in addition · traditionally

1. Introduction: Define what the festival is and when it takes place. Start by explaining the connection to the lunar calendar. (2 marks)

2. Preparation and Cleaning: Describe how families prepare their homes. Why is cleaning considered important before the New Year begins? (2 marks)

3. Traditional Customs: Explain common practices such as giving red envelopes or the reunion dinner. What do these represent for the family? (2 marks)

4. The Celebration: Describe the sights and sounds of the day, such as lion dances or fireworks. Use descriptive adjectives to paint a picture for the reader. (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why this festival is important to the community today. Reflect on the themes of hope and new beginnings. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research the specific Zodiac animal for the current year and write a short paragraph explaining the characteristics associated with it.



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