

Week 7 - Wednesday 17th June

WALT: understand the Chinese festival of light



China light and lanterns are used during times of celebration.

The Chinese lantern festival is celebrated on the 15th day of the first month of the Chinese lunisolar calendar.

The lanterns are left to float into the sky and bring to a close the Chinese New Year celebrations.



As part of the celebrations children walk around the temples at night using the light from their lanterns to hunt for clues to solve riddles or puzzles.



In ancient times only royalty and wealthy people had lanterns. Today everyone is welcome to release a lantern into the sky.

Some people thought that when the lantern floated away into the night sky it took with it bad times from the year before, allowing people to make a wish for the year to come.

Task 1 - Complete the fact sheet using the information from the sheet provided.

Task 2 - Make your own Chinese dragon



What Is Chinese New Year?

Chinese New Year is an important Chinese holiday. The celebration is also known as the Lunar New Year.

Chinese New Year is also celebrated in many other countries too; for example, in Malaysia and the Philippines.



Facts About Chinese New Year

- It is the longest festival in the Chinese calendar.
- It is a time for people to clean their houses.
- Chinese New Year is a time to let go of the past and welcome new beginnings.

How Is It Celebrated?

Chinese New Year is celebrated through different traditions.

Red envelopes: The colour red is for good luck, fortune and joy in Chinese families. Money is given in red envelopes.

Firecrackers: Firecrackers are let off during the Chinese New Year. They are thought to scare off evil spirits.

Lion and dragon dances: Many people take part in these dances. Loud music is played to frighten away bad spirits.

Food and families: Chinese families gather together for a special dinner the night before the Chinese New Year begins.

Legends

Each year is named after a different animal, based on an old story. The story goes that the Jade Emperor told the animals to have a race. The order they finished the race was the order he named the years in the Chinese calendar.

Rat won the race, with the pig strolling in last.

Chinese Festival of Lights

Another name for the Chinese New Year is the _____ New Year.

It is the _____ festival of the Chinese calendar.

_____ envelopes are given as a sign of good luck and good fortune.

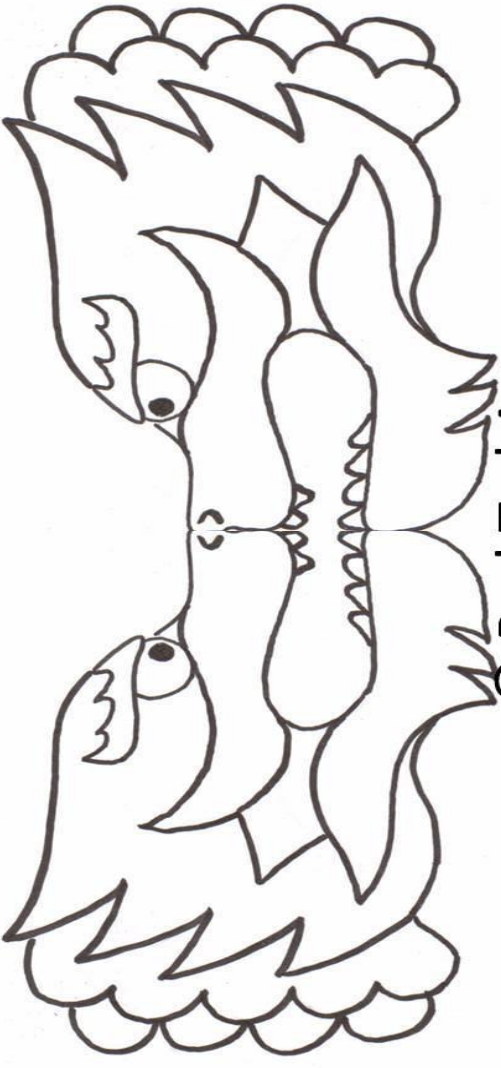
It is a times when people like to clean the _____.

Firecrackers are set off to frighten away _____.

Each year is named after a different _____.

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