



Reception
Spring Term

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is the Chinese festival that celebrates the beginning of the New Year on the Chinese calendar.

Key Vocabulary

- 1 Chinese New Year
- There are 12 Chinese zodiac signs, in the following order: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig.
Each sign is named after an animal, and each animal has its own unique characteristics.



- 2 Ang Pow
- In Chinese and other East Asian and Southeast Asian societies, a red envelope or a red packet is a monetary gift which is given during holidays or special occasions such as weddings, graduation or the birth of a baby.



- 3 Wish Tree
- Chinese wishing trees, money trees, and hong bao trees are a big part of Chinese New Year festivities. Every year, billions of people around the world gather to toss their red ribbons up into the wishing tree with hope that it will stick and their wish will come true for good fortune in the coming year.



Key Knowledge

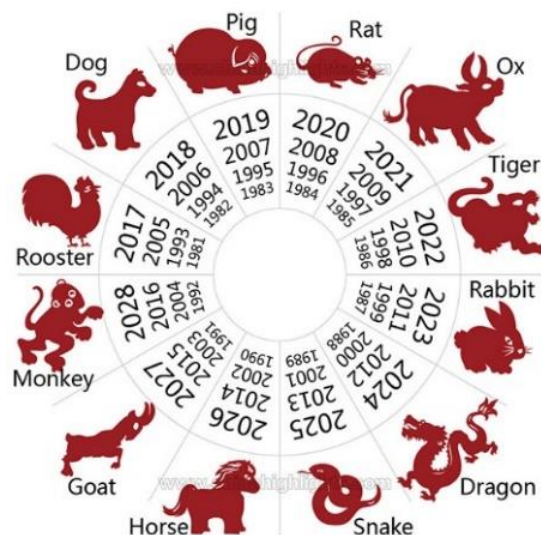
Chinese New Year is also known as the spring festival. It is the most important celebration in the Chinese calendar.

Before the festivities begin, people clean their homes really well to make them ready for the celebrations. Then, when New Year's Day comes, there is a tradition not to pick up a broom, in case you sweep the good luck for the New Year out of the door!

People enjoy eating lots of delicious food, including noodle soup, which traditionally brings luck for the year ahead.

Fireworks are set off, it is thought that noise and lights will scare away any evil spirits for the coming months.

The festivities continue for two weeks, finishing with a special lantern festival, which signs the end of the New Year celebration.








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Easter

Easter is a Christian holiday celebrating the death of Jesus and his resurrection.

Key Vocabulary

1	Easter	Easter is a celebration of Jesus Christ rising from the dead.
2	Jesus	Mary and Joseph's son.
3	Christian	A person who believes in Jesus and is a member of the Church.
4	Good Friday	The day Jesus was crucified. 
5	Easter Sunday	The day that Jesus came back to life (The resurrection). The day we celebrate by giving and receiving Easter eggs. We celebrate new life. 
6	Lent	The time that Christians prepare for Easter. Some people might choose to give up something for 40 days and 40 nights.
7	Pancake Day	The day before lent. 

Key Knowledge

Shrove Tuesday
(Pancake day) - 25 Feb

Ash Wednesday - 26 Feb

Good Friday - 10 April

Easter Sunday - 12 April



Pancake Recipe

100g Plain flour

2 Large eggs

300ml milk

1 tbsp sunflower oil

And whisk.

Add your choice of toppings.

