

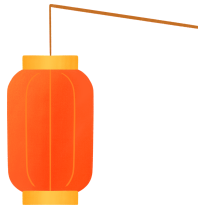
LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

THINGS-TO-DO

(in Chinese Culture)

Tick off each activity once it's done! Have fun!

Make a lantern



Watch a lion dance!

Decorate your house with red lanterns and signs.

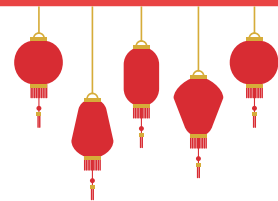


Find out your zodiac sign!



Eat lots of dumplings and long noodles.

Receive gift envelopes from your loved ones.



Wish your friends and family a Happy New Year in Mandarin!

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Gōng Xǐ Fā Cái

Celebrate with your family.



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Pro Tips for Grownups!!



Filled with fun videos, bits of information and activities, the festival kit is a great way to introduce your little one to another culture.

Use the festival kit to spark fun conversations with your little one, exploring all the same and different elements that they observe in another culture as compared to theirs.



Conversation Starters



What does your little one like about the way 'Lunar New Year' is celebrated in Chinese culture? Which aspect seems the most fun? How do you celebrate festivals at home? What do they notice being similar and/or different?

Have they ever eaten dumplings before?
Would they like to try it?

Raise Kind Kids



Exposing your little one to different cultures through stories, food, activities and people, encourages them to ask questions and make their own observations helping minimise their unconscious biases and stereotypes.

Same Same But Different

"During the Lunar New Year festival, the whole family meets to eat a meal together and celebrate. Just like Thanksgiving."

"During the Lunar New Year festival, children are given 红包 Hóng Bāo - red envelopes filled with money for good luck.

In Muslim culture, when celebrating Eid, little children are often given money as Eidi (a gift) by their elders."



DID YOU KNOW?



The Lunar New Year Festival or Spring Festival as celebrated in Chinese culture lasts two weeks and ends with the Lantern Festival. The dates change every year based on the lunar calendar. Did you know 1 out of every 6 people in the whole world celebrate this festival?



Many Asian cultures also celebrate Lunar New Year around the same time. In Vietnamese culture, the festival is known as Tết. Korean New Year is called Seollal. Each culture has its own way of celebrating but one thing common to all is food, family and lots of fun.

Year of the Tiger



Each Chinese year is associated with a zodiac animal sign. The 12 Chinese zodiac animals are: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig. It is believed that if you are born in a particular year, you may have some of the characteristics of that animal.

2022 is the Year of the Tiger.

Other years of the Tiger include 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962, 1950, 1938.

People born in these years are said to be strong and brave, just like the tiger.

Which year were you born in?

Do you know your zodiac animal sign?

Lion Dance



The lion dance is performed by two dancers in a lion costume. The performers become the body of the lion - the front and back of the lion. They dance to music and are believed to bring good luck and chase away evil spirits.



Fun Facts

- Red is the main colour for the festival as it stands for prosperity. Houses are decorated in red, red lanterns are hung in the street and everybody wears red too.
- Houses are cleaned before the New Year to sweep away bad luck and prepare for good luck.
- The whole family meets to eat a big celebratory meal the day before New Years.
- Long noodles are eaten to ensure you have a long life.

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