

Lunar New Year 1 : Special Days : Year 1/2

	Learning Objective	Overview	Assessment Questions	Resources
Lesson 1	Finding out about 'The Story of Nian' and how people celebrate Lunar New Year.	Children to learn about 'The Story of Nian' and how Lunar New Year traditions originated. They will enjoy creating and making Chinese lanterns and Chinese round drums, as well as exploring Chinese sayings and their symbols.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can children describe the main events of 'The Story of Nian'? • Can the children tell you how people celebrate the Lunar New Year? • Do the children understand why Lunar New Year is such an important celebration for Asian people? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Lantern Instruction Sheet • Chinese Sayings Cards 1, 2, 3 • Chinese Round Drum Instruction Sheet (FSD activity only)
Lesson 2	Reading a Chinese legend and finding out about its link to Lunar New Year.	Children to read the Chinese legend together and find out about the twelve animals that took part in the race. They will then create their own Chinese Legend story books.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can children recall what they have learnt about Lunar New Year? • Can children infer and deduce information? • Do the children understand the significance of the legend to the Lunar New Year? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • New Year Song mp3 • Song Sheet • Worksheet 2A/2B/2C • Lunar New Year Bunting (FSD? activity only) • Chinese Sayings Sheet (FSD? activity only) • New Year Animals Sheet (FSD? activity)
Lesson 3	Finding out about about the food eaten during Lunar New Year and why it is special during the celebrations.	Children will enjoy exploring and tasting traditional foods that are eaten during Lunar New Year. They will draw pictures of the different foods they tasted and tick the one they liked the most.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the children tell you what food is eaten during Lunar New Year? • Do the children understand why these foods are important during New Year? • Can the children record their findings from their taste test? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • New Year Song mp3 • Worksheet 3A/3B/3C • Fortune Cookie Template (FSD? activity only) • Fortune Cookie Instruction Sheet (FSD? activity only)