

Lunar New Year 2 : Special Days : Year 3/4/5/6

	Learning Objective	Overview	Assessment Questions	Resources
Lesson 1	To find out about the origins and traditions associated with Lunar New Year.	Children will learn about 'The Story of Nian' and how Lunar New Year traditions originated. They will retell the tale using story cards or their own words. In the alternative activity, children will make their own Chinese lantern.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can children describe the main events of 'The Story of Nian'? • Can the children describe some of the features of Lunar New Year celebrations? • Can children describe the origins of some Lunar New Year traditions? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Story Cards 1A/1B • Worksheet 1A/1B • Challenge Card • Writing Frame A/B/C • Lantern Instruction Sheet • Chinese Sayings Sheet
Lesson 2	To find out about the origins of the Chinese zodiac and how this relates to Lunar New Year celebrations.	Children will learn about 'The Chinese New Year Story' and the twelve animals that took part in the race to make the Lunar calendar. They will enjoy finding out which animal they are and if the description fits their personality, as well as creating Zodiac Wheels.	<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 how 'The Story of Chinese New Year' influenced the Lunar calendar? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Zodiac Wheel 2A/2B • Cover Wheel • Animal Description Cards • Year Cards • Chinese Calendar Sheet • Tangram Challenge Cards (FSD? activity only) • Tangram Pieces (FSD? activity only) • Zodiac Animal Cards (plenary)
Lesson 3	To explore what happens during the Lunar New Year festivities.	Children will find out all about the various festivities that take place during the Lunar New Year, with a focus on the 15 days of celebration in China. Activities include writing diary entries, creating a multiple choice quiz, or making their own dragon puppet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do children know that the Lunar New Year festivities last for fifteen days? • Can children describe some of the different events and customs on some of these days? • Can children compare Lunar New Year to other festivals, comparing similarities and differences? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Worksheet 3A/3B/3C • Information Sheet A/B • Dragon Puppet Instruction Sheet (FSD? activity only) • Dragon Puppet Template (FSD? activity only) • Red and yellow paper, curling ribbon, lolly sticks, glue and scissors (FSD? activity only) • New Year Song (mp3) • New Year Song Lyrics (FSD? activity only)