

# Chinese and Lunar New Year



RESPECTFUL

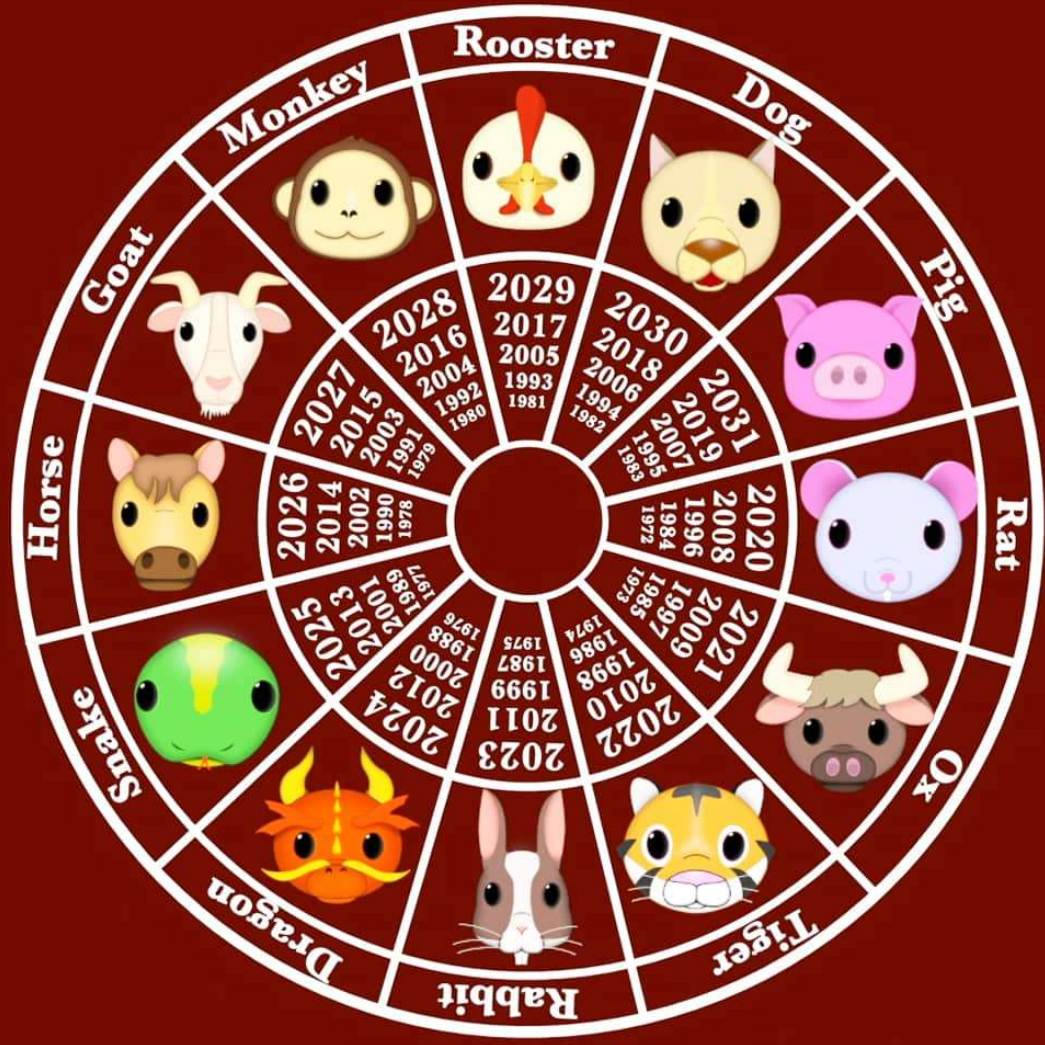


AMBITIOUS



RESILIENT





# 2025 – Year of the Snake

## Your Characteristics

People born in the year of the snake are calm, humorous and can be gifted in art and literature (the artist Picasso was born in the year of the snake).

Suspicion and jealousy can be a weakness for some snakes.

They usually think things thoroughly, prefer to keep things private, and are really good at understanding and caring about others.



## Years of the Snake

1917, 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965,  
1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025

# Where Is China?

China is in north-east Asia. The capital city of China is Beijing.

Celebrations around the Lunar calendar are not only held by the Chinese community. Lunar New Year is celebrated in many Asian countries, including in Vietnam, the Koreas, Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia.



# Video

Have you ever heard of Lunar / Chinese New Year or ever been to a Lunar / Chinese New Year celebration?

Watch this video about Lunar New Year and think about the differences between Lunar New Year celebrations and the New Year celebrations held on 31st December.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zp993j6>

# Time to talk

Turn to the person next to you and try to remember as many Lunar New Year traditions as you can?

Who would like to share something they found interesting about Lunar New Year from this video?

Can anyone tell us why the Lunar New Year is different to the UK New Year?

# Why Is It Celebrated?

It marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring.  
It is also known as the Spring Festival because of this.



# Preparing for Chinese New Year

People spring-clean their houses and gardens to sweep away any bad luck.

Debts are paid and any work is brought up-to-date ready for a new year.

Houses are decorated.



# Day 15



The 15<sup>th</sup> day is also known as the Lantern Festival. Colourful lanterns of various shapes and sizes can be seen in homes, shopping centres, streets and parks.

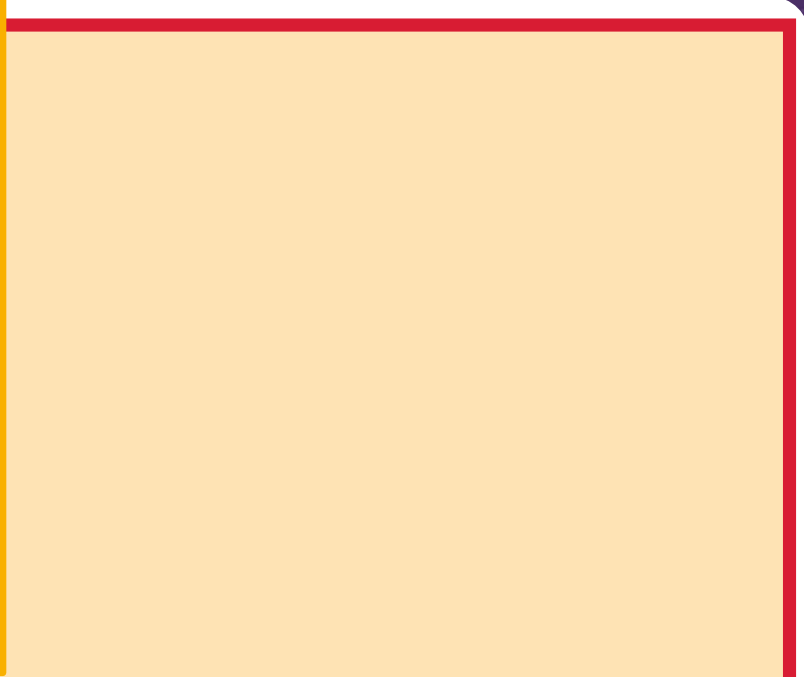
Riddles are hung from the lanterns. If you can solve one, you may win a prize from the owner.

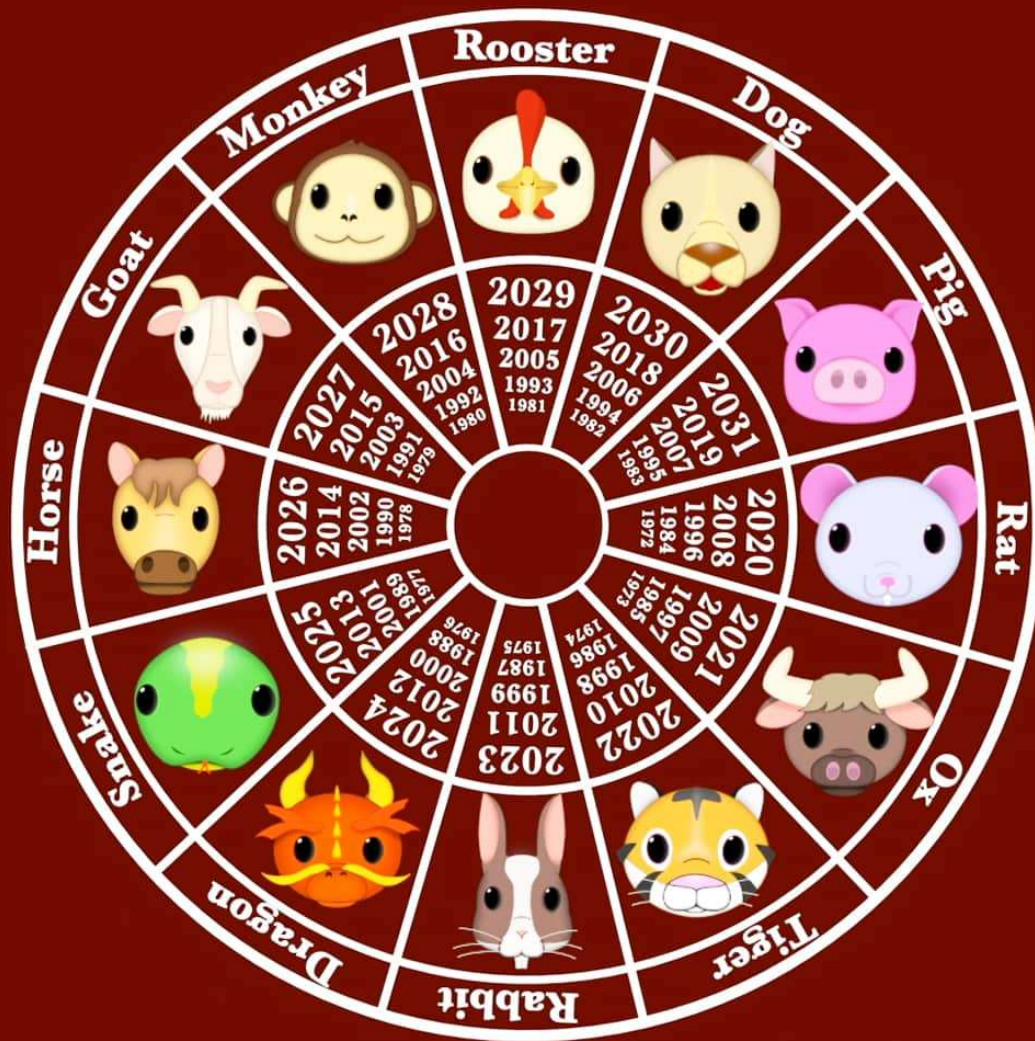
# Day 15

There are also dragon and lion dancing parades in the streets and firework displays.

Families walk the streets carrying glowing lanterns. Candles are lit outside houses to guide wayward spirits home.







# The Race

A race was organised by the Jade Emperor - one of the most important gods in traditional Chinese religion - who invited all the animals in the world to take part.

Twelve species turned up at the start line: a pig, dog, rooster, monkey, sheep, horse, snake, dragon, rabbit, tiger, ox and rat.

As a reward for turning up, the Emperor named a year in the zodiac after each one, while the race would determine the order each animal would be placed.



# 恭喜恭喜 (Gong Xi Gong Xi)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEmAAn6ohjQ>

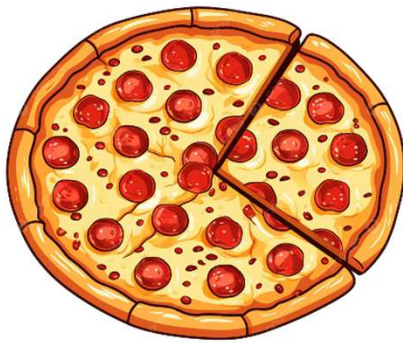
A song to send good wishes at Chinese New Year.

# Reading Rewards

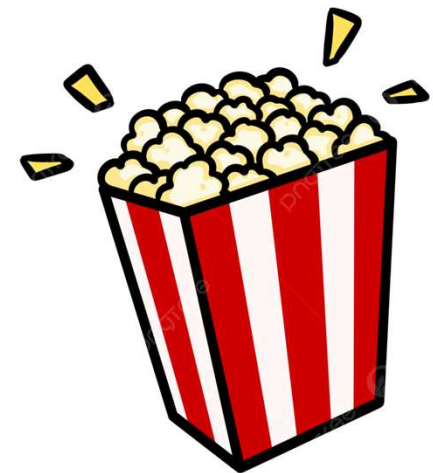
Every class will receive a reading chart. Each week everyone gets the chance to earn a golden ticket.

How to earn a Golden Ticket – Earn a ticket by **reading three times at home each week**. Get your grown up to sign your reading diary and then show your teacher. If you have done this, tick or dot your name each week on the chart, to get a golden ticket.

The Golden Ticket draw takes place at the end of each half term. If your name gets picked **you win...**



A cinema visit!



# Reading Trophies are back

## How to win the weekly class reading trophy

### **In Years 3 to 6 – Accelerated Reader points**

Points are labelled on the inside sticker of the reading books. How many points are based on how well you do in the quiz.

The trophy will be awarded each Monday to the class in KS2 who has the most points collectively in the previous week.

### **In Years 1 to 2 – Book reviews**

After you have read a book, complete a book review. Whichever class has completed the most book reviews they will win the trophy that week. Books reviews can be done at home or at a time your teacher says you can do one.

A scorecard will be kept to see which class has won the trophy the most. The winning class will receive a treat – extra playtime, sweets or something else...