

Class 4  
Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year 2021 will be celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021. This coming year is the Year of the Ox.

Twelve animals are used to represent the year in this Chinese tradition. These animals are:

1. Rat
2. Ox
3. Tiger
4. Rabbit
5. Dragon
6. Snake
7. Horse
8. Goat
9. Monkey
10. Rooster
11. Dog
12. Pig

Each one has its own characteristics, like zodiac signs.

Task One

Find out the characteristics for the Year of the Ox. What does the Ox represent in this Chinese tradition?

Task Two

Find out what animal represents the year you were born and what the characteristics are of this animal.

Houses are spring-cleaned before the New Year to sweep away any bad luck. They are also decorated with paper scrolls and lanterns.

Task Three

Make a paper lantern. This can either be one lantern or you could make a string of paper lanterns.



Children also receive red envelopes with money and sweets inside from their elders. The colour red is used in nearly all Chinese New Year decorations.

#### Task Four

Make a red envelope. You can print off the templates in the folder and put them together; draw a template on red paper, then cut and fold it; draw an envelope template onto paper and then colour it red. Use the patterns on the templates in the folder to decorate your envelope.

Can you find out how to write 'Happy New Year' in Chinese and write this on your envelope?

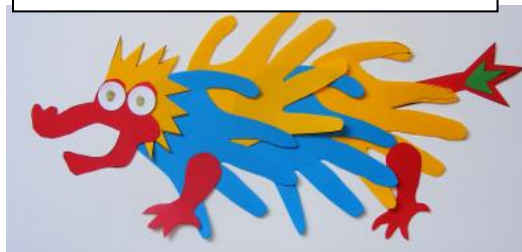
#### Optional

If you'd like to do more Chinese New Year crafts, you could choose from one of the ideas below.



Create a Chinese Dragon using cupcake cases and paper.

Create a Chinese Dragon using your handprints cut out of paper.



Create a Chinese Dragon using an empty egg box and paper.