

## Learning Mat



Our focus is...

# Chinese New Year



Please use the information below to support your child's learning at home 😊

## New year

Chinese New Year lasts from February 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 until January 30<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Chinese New Year is also called the Spring Festival and Lunar New Year.

. 新年快乐 Xīnnián kuàilè (pronounced shinyin kwailor)  
Happy new year

## Adventures

Explore the tastes of Chinese food.

Have a race with your toys or family. Who won the race?

Make badges for first, second.....

Watch a dragon or lion dance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vi95ZTEHoL8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3pdiuCh32E>

Create your own dragon or lion using reclaimed materials.

Make a Chinese lantern. See page 2.

Listen to Chinese music:

[Chinese festival music](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5B4e79bmCs>

Research oxen and how they are useful to people?



## Investigate

Chinese years are named according to where animals finished in the fabled race. Share the story of the great race.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YH0hOC3xPwI>

Who finished the race first?

Who was the last creature to finish the race?

Where did the Ox finish in the race? How did he help another character in the race?

What happened to the cockerel, monkey and sheep?

Was the rat a kind animal?

## Year of the:

2021 is the year of the Ox. Other years of the Ox are: 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021, 2033 ...

Do you know anyone who was born in the year of the ox?

An Ox year occurs every twelve years

It is the year of the metal (gold) ox which happens every 60 years.

Lucky numbers: one and four and numbers containing these digits.

Lucky colours: white, yellow and green.

Lucky flowers: peach blossom and tulips.

'Ox' people are diligent, dependable, strong and determined. Metal Ox people are: hard working active, busy and popular.



## How to make a Chinese lantern

1. Use a sheet of A4 paper.
2. Cut a 2.5cm strip off on one short side, for the handle.
3. Fold the paper in half.
4. Draw a horizontal line 2cm from the top, with the folded edge at the bottom.
5. Cut the first slit from the fold to the drawn line.
6. Cut more slits 1.5 cm from each linear cut, leaving a space at the ends to stick the short sides together.
7. Unfold the paper and stick the short sides together. Add the handle, sticking each end of it to the inside of the lantern.
8. Decorate the top and bottom edge.

