

Time to Talk

Use these questions to talk about celebrations and Chinese New Year at home:

What are our favourite celebrations each year?

How do you like to celebrate?

What do you know about China?

How could you find out about China?

What is the story of The Great Race?

How is Chinese New Year celebrated?

What things are the same or different to how you might celebrate something?

Have you ever tried Chinese food?
What did you like/dislike if you have?

Key vocabulary

Festival, celebration, tradition, China, Chinese New Year, dragon, panda, country, noodles, dumplings, rice, chopsticks, myth, legend, flag, great wall, Yangtze river, Beijing, fireworks, decorations, lanterns, mandarin, dance, parade, dragon dance, similarities, differences.

This week, we will be learning all about Chinese New Year; how and why it is celebrated and learn the story of The Great Race.

We will use this week to help us talk about our favourite celebrations.

We will look at the different celebrations we have already learnt about and how families and cultures celebrate different festivals and have different traditions. We will learn how to make connections between the features of their families and other families. We will continue to notice differences between people and develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.



Spring: Chinese New Year



Chinese New Year Knowledge – What will we learn?

Festivals: I will know that there are lots of different festivals; Christmas, birthdays, Chinese New Year, Easter, Diwali. I will be able to talk about how festivals are celebrated.

Culture: I will know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, among families, communities and traditions.

China: I will be able to tell you some facts about China. I will learn that it is a very big country and lots of people live there. I will learn that the flag is red with 5 gold stars. I will learn that there is a great wall and giant pandas live there. I will learn that the giant panda and the dragon are national symbols. I might even try some Chinese food!

Chinese New Year: I will be able to tell you the story of The Great Race. I will be able to tell you how Chinese New Year is celebrated.

Notices

Remember that your PE days are Monday – Squirrels PE

Tuesday – Hedgehogs PE

Please come to school in your PE kit for the whole day. During these chilly months, a tracksuit is recommended. Trainers please.

Friday: Library – please return your library book each week so that you can choose a new one!

Reading Books: Please ensure these are in school every day.

Water bottles: Water only please!

Books

The Great Race - Emily Hiles or Christopher Corr

Maisy's Chinese New Year – Lucy Cousins

Dragon Dance – Joan Holub

Dumpling Soup - Jama Kim Rattigan

Celebrations in my World: Chinese New Year - Carrie Gleason