Nursery Knowledge Organiser – Chinese New Year

Key Vocabulary



Chinese New Year - the biggest holiday celebrated among Chinese people and is celebrated in many big cities throughout the world.

China- China has the largest population in the world with over 1.3 billion people living there!

Festival- a day or period of celebration, often one of religious significance.

Feast – A special meal often shared with family and friends. Children enjoy oranges and sweets.

Food is very important to New Year's celebrations.

Families and friends get together for large feasts.



Chopsticks made from wood or plastic are traditionally used for eating.



Lantern Festival in Taiwan

Key knowledge

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Chinese New Year is often called the **spring festival** because it signals the beginning of spring. It is a time when families and friends get together to **say goodbye to the old year and welcome in the new year**

Families greet each other by saying "Gong Xi Fa Cai" (pronounced Gong-she-faa-tsai)

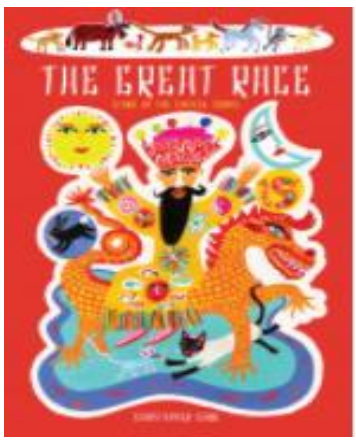
which means 'Wishing you a happy, healthy and wealthy New Year!'





Lunar New Year Dragon Dance in Vietnam

Dragon dances are very popular! The loud drums and cymbals are said to scare away bad luck!



The Great Race – This tells the story of how the Chinese Zodiac Calendar came about, and the order of the Zodiac animals.

Possible activities and experiences

Share a Chinese New Year Feast together – noodles, oranges. Dragon Dancing.

Art – red and gold willow fish, Chinese lanterns.