

<b>THEME OF THE WEEK:</b>  <b>CHINESE NEW YEAR!!</b>	<b>LITERACY/COMMUNICATION &amp; LANGUAGE</b>	<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	<b>CREATIVE, PHYSICAL, PSED, UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<p>Together watch the following video to introduce Chinese New Year to the children: Cbeebies Preparing for Chinese New Year – Let’s Celebrate</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8ssHXZ9_qU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8ssHXZ9_qU</a></p> <p>Afterwards talk about what Abbie and her family to do prepare for CNY.</p> <p>Here are some Chinese phrases for you to learn:</p> <p>Hello - Nǐhǎo ( say Nee how)</p> <p>Happy New Year - kung hey fat choi</p>	<p>Play the Chinese New Year dragon game.</p> <p><a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/chinese-dragon-ordering">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/chinese-dragon-ordering</a></p> 	<p>Try out some dragon cosmic kids yoga:</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NWzS2xzil4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NWzS2xzil4</a></p> 

## TUESDAY

Today watch the following video to find out how Abbie and her family celebrate Chinese New Year: Cbeebies Celebrating Chinese New Year – Let's Celebrate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cRMRp9-Z08>

Talk about all the different activities Abbie and her family do to celebrate CNY.

During CNY, it is traditional to give money in red envelopes. Can you practice counting pennies or counters? Can you put 1...2...3...4...5...6 etc into some numbered envelopes or money bags?



Learn about how the in the Chinese calendar the years are named after different animals?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVClAj8q\\_1Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVClAj8q_1Y)

This year will be the year of the ox. Choose your favourite animal and draw or paint a picture of it.



## WEDNESDAY

Time for some fun writing. In Monday's video Abbie did some Chinese writing. Can you practice your mark making skills and do some Chinese writing of your own?



Why not try some table writing? Tape some paper under a table and draw/write away!



Red and yellow are colours traditionally associated with CNY. How many yellow and red items can you find in your house? Can you find red and yellow items?

Sort them into colour sets and count how many there in each one. Which set has the more/the most and which has the least/less? How many items did you find altogether?



What other colour sets could you make?

Can you make a dragon?



Watch some dragon dancing. Can you do a dragon dance?

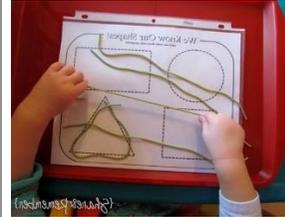
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/chinesenewyear/dragondance.aspx>

## THURSDAY

In the story the children enjoyed a firework show. Can you use your make making patterns to draw/paint your own firework picture? Here are some marks to help you:



Cook some noodles or spaghetti and make shapes with it! This is a great activity for developing fine motor control too.



To help with learning 2d shapes play the following game:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters>

Chinese food tasting ideas for you try!

Noodles, Fried rice, Spring rolls, Chicken skewers, Chicken & Sweetcorn soup, Prawn crackers & Fortune cookies

Recipe idea:

<https://mumspantry.com.au/fried-rice-kids-will-love/>



If you have chop sticks, try using them to eat your food!

## FRIDAY

Set the table for dinner and pretend to be at a Chinese restaurant. Give your child a pen and paper and ask them to take your order. Could they make a menu by drawing pictures of food? Encourage them to use their mark making to write the names of the food down too. This could be 'squiggle writing', mark making specific lines and shapes or even writing some of the letters they know. Do not worry if the letters do not match the words they are writing as writing random letters is an important stage of their mark making development.



Using cooked noodles or spaghetti play a game together. Place them in a bowl and take turns to pull one out. Compare seeing who got the biggest/longest and who got the smallest/shortest.

(You may need to cut some beforehand to ensure a good difference in lengths!)



Learn a dragon song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=by5sTzh67fU>

Join in with some firework dancing to celebrate CNY!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_y5th\\_oHok](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_y5th_oHok)