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Chinese New Year is an important festival.

It is celebrated in China and around the world.

It is also known as 'Lunar New Year'.

Chinese New Year dates change every year.

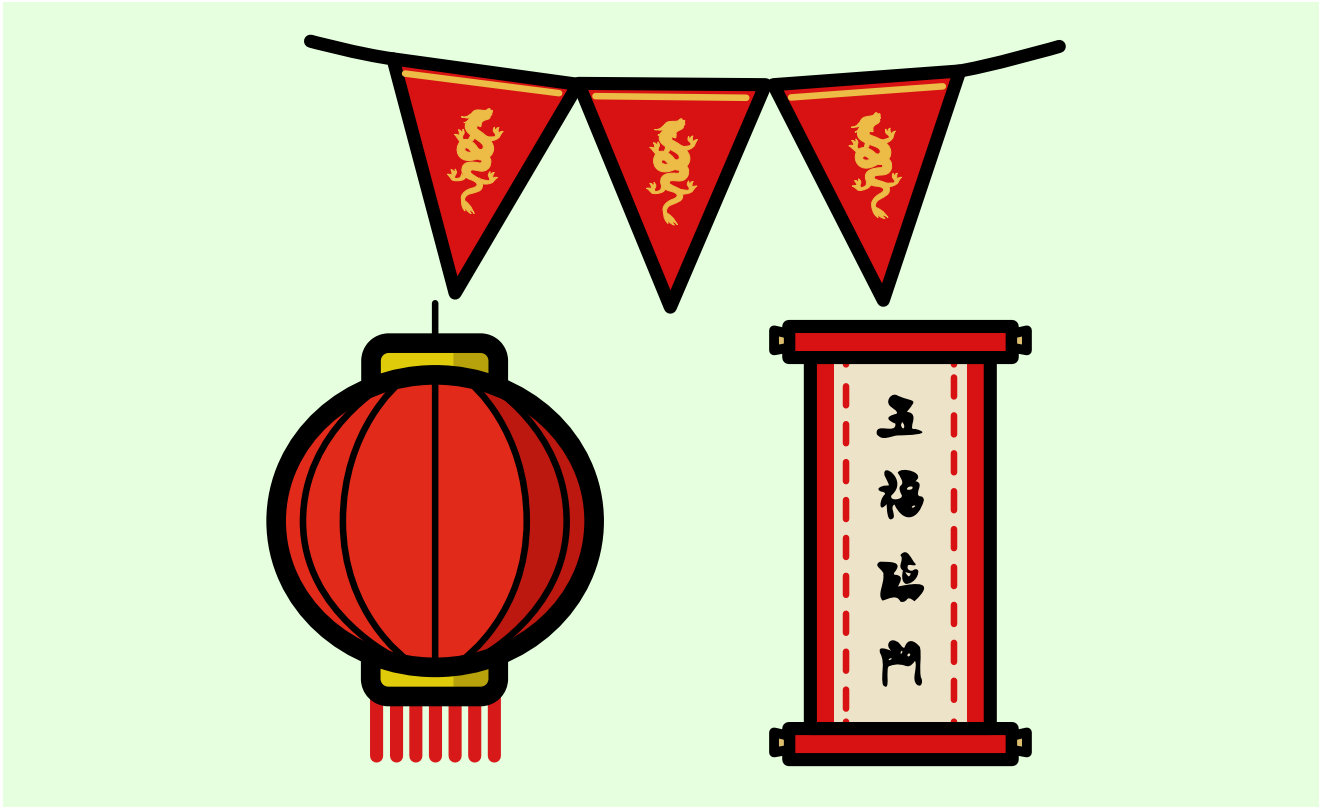


In 2024, Chinese New Year is on 10th February.

2024 is the 'Year of the Dragon'.

On 10th February people will start to celebrate.

People will celebrate for 16 days.



Before Chinese New Year people clean their homes.

People decorate their homes in red.

Red is the main colour of Chinese New Year.

People hang red lanterns and Chinese couplets.

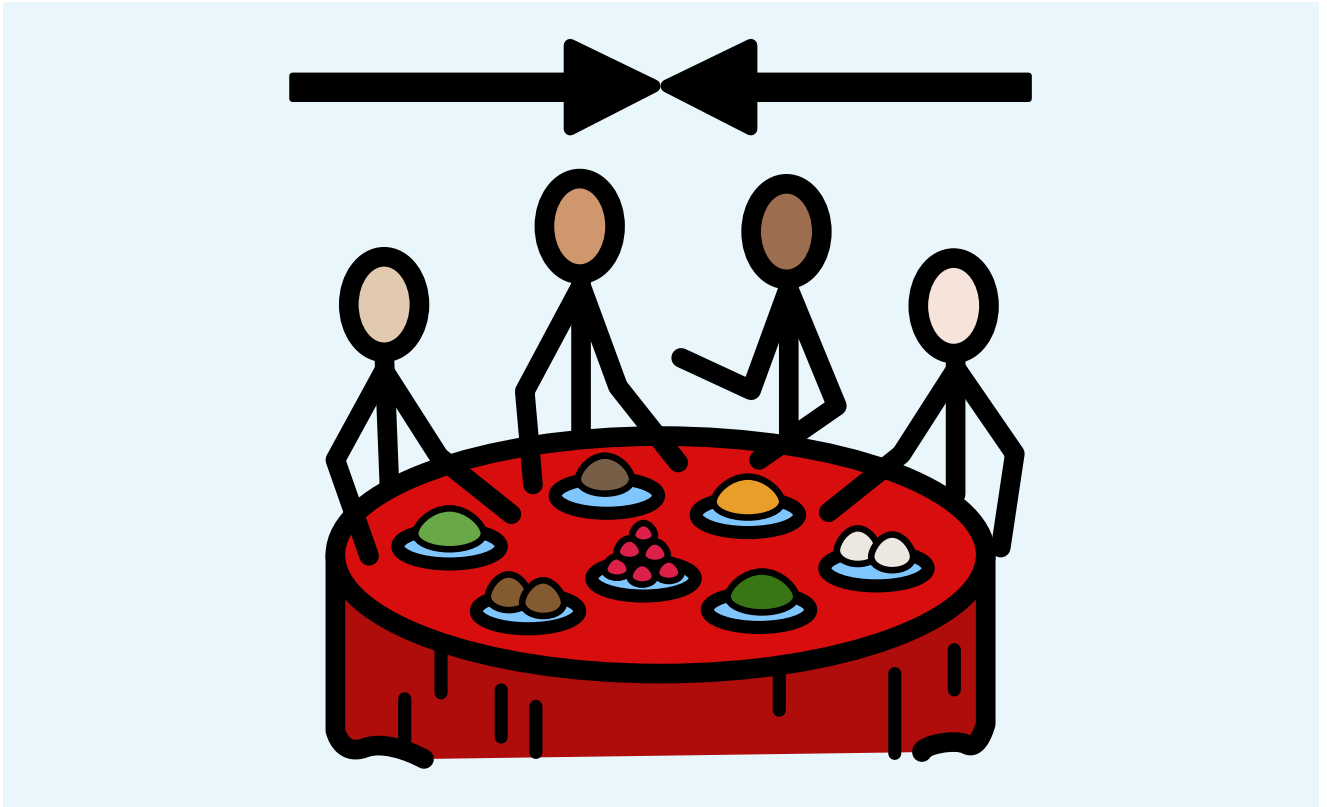


People celebrate Chinese New Year in different ways.

People remember their ancestors.

People put gifts of food by their graves.

People set a place at the table for their ancestors.



People eat a family meal on Chinese New Year.

This is called 'The Reunion Dinner'.

People eat lots of delicious food including:

Chicken, dumplings, spring rolls, rice balls and noodles.



People stay awake until midnight on Chinese New Year.

People light fireworks and firecrackers.

People watch Chinese Dragon and Lion dances.

Chinese New Year is a wonderful celebration.

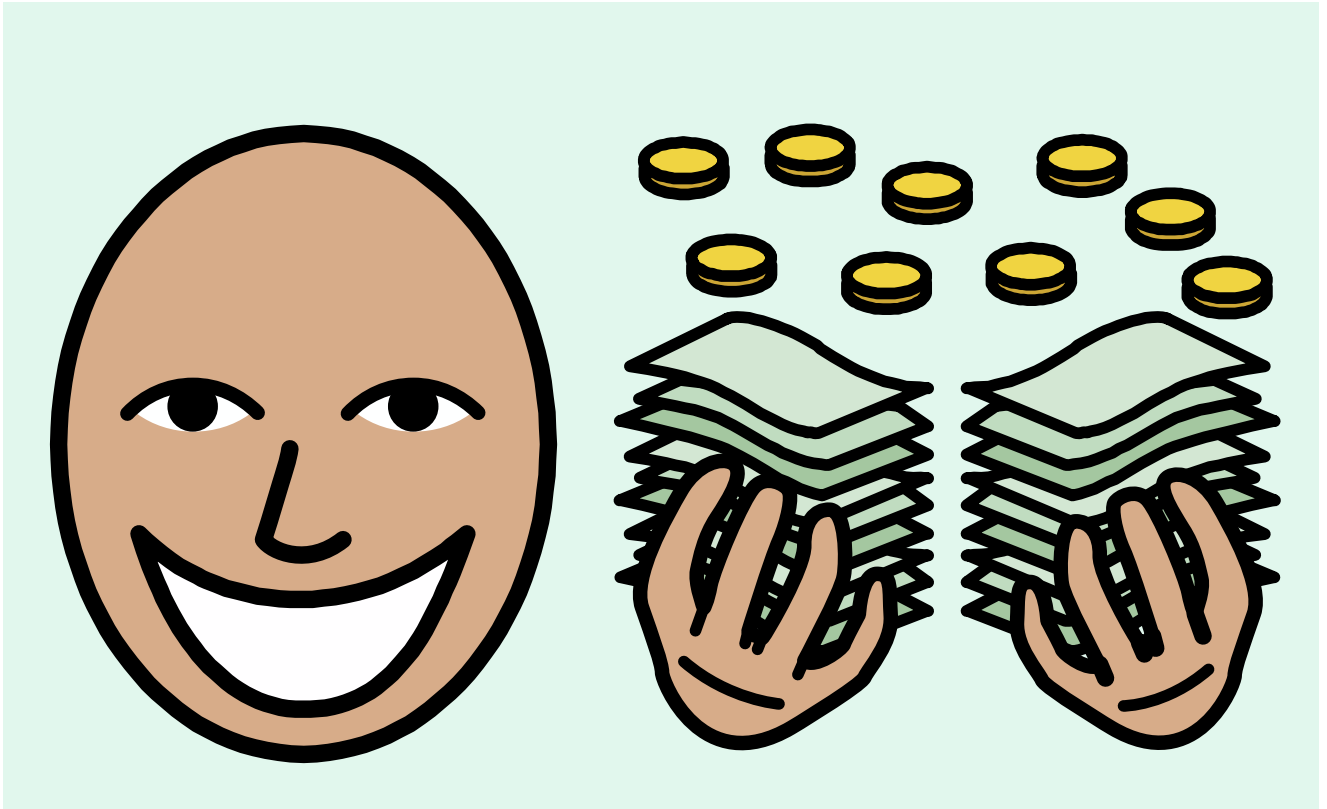


On New Years Day, people exchange gifts.

Children get red envelopes with money inside.

The red envelopes are called 'Ya sui qian'.

Receiving money means good luck for the New Year.



On Chinese New Year, people say;

'Kung Hei Fat Choi!'

This means happiness and prosperity.

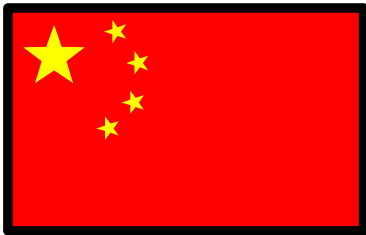
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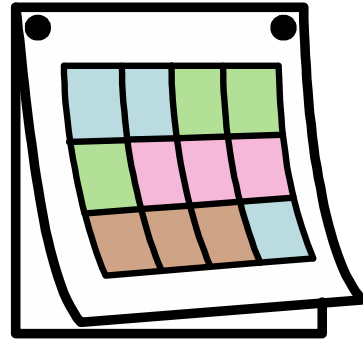
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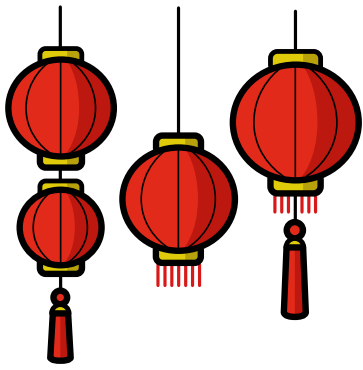
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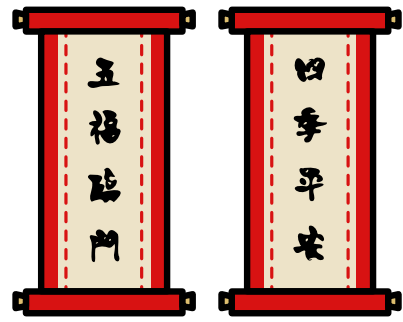
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Chinese decorations



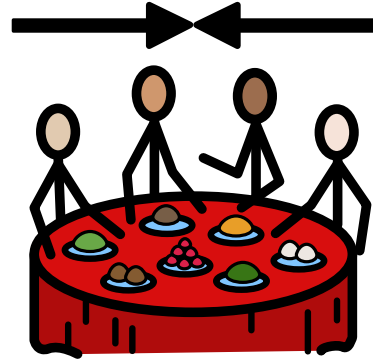
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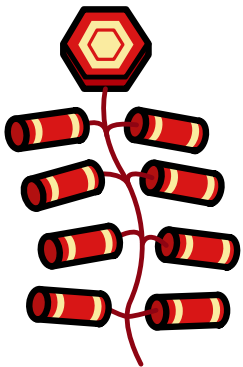
Chinese couplets



ancestors



Reunion Dinner



firecrackers



Chinese lion