



FS2 MOUSE CLUB

Term 3 – Week 6 (2025-2026)



Chinese New Year

We will learn about **Chinese New Year**, which is also known as **Spring Festival**. It is China's most important festival and celebrations begin on 17th February marking the beginning of the Year of the Horse.

Celebrations typically last for sixteen days, and culminate with a Lantern Festival on 3rd March.



Lunar New Year is the name more widely used for the new year festivities in other countries, like Japan, Taiwan and Thailand, whereas Chinese New Year include a lot of the Lunar New Year traditions but are more closely related to China's own history and culture.

The children will discover why the Chinese New Year is celebrated at this time of year and not on 1st January like elsewhere. They will also learn stories about the animals of the Chinese zodiac. For more information to share with your child, please click [here](#).

The children in **FS2** were born in either 2020 or 2021. This means that they were born in either the year of the **Rat** or the year of the **Ox**.

Our Book of the Week

One of our books is '**My First Chinese New Year**' by **Karen Katz**. Please click [here](#) to share our book at home.



Ideas to try at home:

- During the parades at Chinese New Year there are always dragons because they symbolise wealth and good fortune. Why not have a go at making your own Chinese dragon together at home and then bring it into class to show us?
- *The Sheffield Lunar Chinese New Year Festival* will return to the Peace Gardens on **Saturday 21st** and **Sunday 22nd** February 2026, to mark 'Year of the Horse'. Please share plenty of photos if you are able to go along and join in with the celebrations. Here is the [link](#).



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Makaton Signs of the Week



Chinese



New year



Fingers flicker as they move forward

dragon



Hands twist at wrist

celebrate



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