



Chinese New Year Week

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Zodiac Signs

In Chinese astrology, there are 12 Zodiac signs. Because the moon's cycle repeats itself every 12 years, there are 12 animals in the Chinese Horoscope - one for each year of the lunar (moon) cycle. The 12 animals in the Western Zodiac are assigned to each solar (sun) month.

The Chinese Zodiac goes back a few thousand years. According to the myths, a long time ago, Buddha decided to call all the animals on earth. But only twelve came: the rat, ox, goat or sheep, dog, horse, monkey, rabbit, pig, tiger, dragon, snake, and rooster.

To reward these animals, he gave each one of them a year of the lunar cycle. He told them that children born in their year would have the personality traits of that animal.

To decide the order of the animals and their years, Buddha decided to have a race. The order of the winners is now their order in years.

To know which animal you are, find out the year you were born. Use the Zodiac cards to read about your animal sign!



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Chinese New Year Activity Ideas

Zodiac Animals



Each year of the Chinese calendar is assigned one of twelve animals. Help guests learn which animal represents them. Follow up with a craft or game that relates back to the animal of the upcoming New Year. For example, 2022 will usher in the year of the Tiger. Play kids' games like "pin the tail on the tiger" and make origami tiger head ornaments for adults to display in their homes.

Everybody's Birthday



The seventh day of the Chinese New Year, or renri, is considered "everybody's birthday." To celebrate, throw a birthday party. Have birthday party supplies on hand, like hats, balloons and streamers. Pick up or make a generic birthday cake with a candle everyone can help blow out. In fact, a small white elephant gift exchange, similar to a Christmas party gift exchange, could even be held, so everyone gets a "birthday" present to open.

Play New Year's Eve Games



Since most families stay up late on Chinese New Year's Eve, you can play some fun party games. In addition to old favourites like Dominos and cards, you might spice up your celebration with the chopsticks game. This is where you transfer candies from one bowl to another using the chopsticks in 30 seconds. The fastest wins.

Chinese New Year Customs – What to do and what not to do

There are some rules when observing Chinese New Year. For example, scissors and brooms are banned to stay in the cupboards on the first day of Lunar New Year. These tools are considered to create bad luck for the year to come and brush away the good luck. So better keep scissors and knives and brooms out of sight and out of action on this day!

- Do not wash or cut your hair on the first days of the Lunar New Year. This would be seen as a sign of washing and cutting away good luck.
- Do not clean your house with a broom on the first day of Lunar New Year. Cleaning is a sign of swiping away good luck - so if one has to clean something away, then it must be done after dark.
- Do not do laundry on Chinese New Year. Doing laundry means washing away of good luck and wealth.
- Don't give gifts which are black or white in colour. Also, do not give clocks or watches or shoes. Watches would mean that time is running out and shoes would mean that one could walk away from the friendship or relationship.
- Don't give gifts in uneven numbers. Always give gifts in pairs such as two oranges or two coins.
- Don't dress in white, black or dark blue during this time. Wear colourful clothing, especially red, orange, and yellow colours are appreciated.



What you will need:

- Colored or plain paper depending on your design
- Coloring pens or pencils
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Tissue paper if available
- Extras that you might want to use such as glitter



Chinese New Year Paper Lantern

To start making your own new year paper lantern is to first gather all your resources you are going to need and when you have them all you are ready to begin. To start with you need to grab your piece of paper and draw a line horizontally through the middle, but not the exact middle you want one side to be bigger. You are going to use your scissors to cut along the line and you want to keep the bigger half of paper, on this piece of paper you want to create your design, as it is the year of the tiger you might want to make your design tiger themed, or you can do something of your own creation. Once you have done this you will need to fold your paper in half longways and then use your scissors to make small cuts all the way along the fold of the paper. Now you can open the paper and the next step for you to do is roll up the paper, so the 2 ends meet and glue it together to create your lantern. Then each of the slits you cut you want to fold each one in the middle slightly, so they stick out, this gives your lantern a nice effect. The final step is to add a handle you can do this by attaching a pipe cleaner some string or even a paper handle to the top of your lantern, if you have any tissue paper you can also use this at the bottom of your lantern for a different look/design



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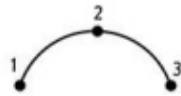
新年快乐
HAPPY
CHINESE
NEW YEAR
2022
YEAR OF THE TIGER

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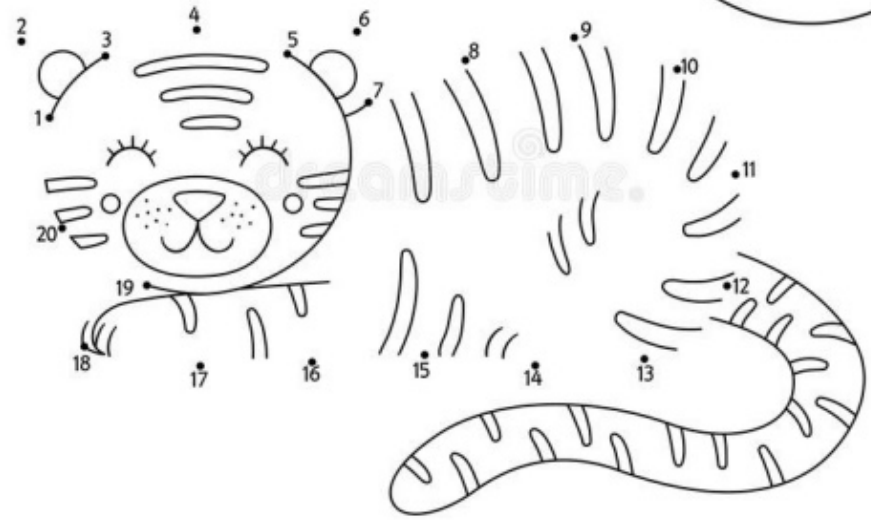
What is your Chinese Zodiac Sign?
Use the year of your birth to work it out.



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Connect the Dots



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For this tiger craft you will need to cut the centre of a paper plate, decorate with string or felts and cut two arched shaped to create a pair of ears! Ta-dah you have your Lion Mask! Brilliant for the year of the tiger!

What you will need:

- 2 paper plates
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Coloring pens or pencils
- String and beads



Chinese New year Noise Maker (Year of the Tiger)

To make your own Chinese New Year noise maker you first need to gather your resources together and once you have done this you are ready to begin. First you want to take your 2 paper plates and on the underneath of the both plates you are going to create the design of your noise maker, as it is the year of the tiger you can make your design a tiger theme for your noise maker, for example you can make the whole paper plate a tiger face on each side, or you can draw or add tiger themed doodles or designs. Now you have finished the design of your noise maker it is time to make the noise to do this you will want to stick your 2 paper plates together so your design on both are facing outwards, once you have done this you need to grab some string and some beads and thread a few onto a couple of strands of string. You should be able to attach these to the outside of the paper plate, you can use a pencil to poke some holes around the outside of your paper plates and then tie the string strands to the outside. Finally, you can add any finishing details you like such as ribbons, and it is ready for you to start making some noise



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