

EYFS All About the Ox Chinese New Year



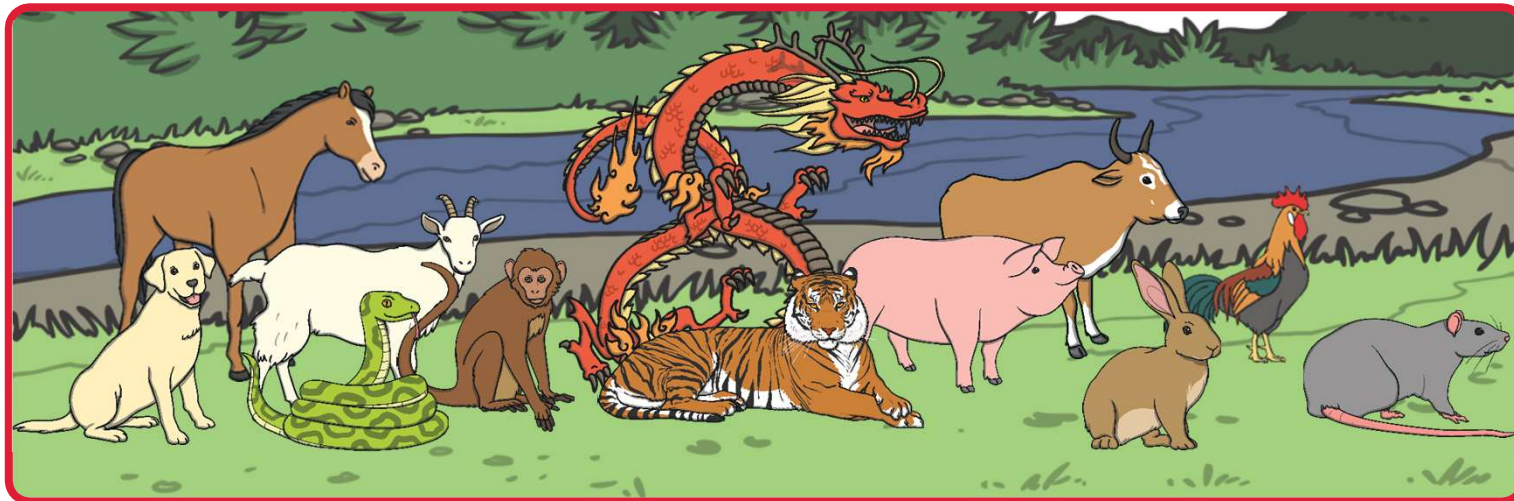
What is Chinese New Year?

Chinese New Year is a festival that celebrates the start of a new year in the Chinese calendar.

It is a bright and exciting festival that is celebrated in China and in other countries all around the world. People celebrate with gifts, fireworks and Chinese Dragon and Lion dances.

Did You Know...?

Each new year is named after an animal from the Chinese Zodiac.



Chinese New Year

A long time ago, in China, the Jade Emperor decided that there should be a way to measure time. He invited all of the animals to compete in a race across the river. The first 12 animals to cross the river would be rewarded by having a year named after them.

The position they came in the race would decide the order of the years. The rat won the race so the first year was named after him. The ox came second so the second year was named after him.



The Year of the Ox

Did you know that an ox means just one ox?
If there are more than one, then we say 'oxen'.

Here is an ox.



Here are some oxen.



Do you know any facts about oxen?



Facts About Oxen

Oxen often work on a farm.

They are very hard-working animals.



Facts About Oxen

Oxen are very strong.

They help people by ploughing fields and carrying heavy loads.



Facts About Oxen

Oxen are herbivores (they only eat plants).

They do not eat meat.



Facts About Oxen

Oxen are from a group of animals called cattle.

Cows are also cattle.



Did You Know...?

People born in the Year of the Ox are said to be hard-working and kind.



