

## CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR

Chinese Lunar New Year marks the beginning of the lunar calendar, typically falling between January 21 and February 20. Unlike the Western New Year which is celebrated with fireworks and parties on January 1st, the Lunar New Year is a time for family reunions, honouring ancestors, and participating in cultural traditions such as dragon dances, wearing red for good luck, and giving red envelopes with money for prosperity. The festival lasts for 15 days, culminating in the Lantern Festival. Each year is associated with one of twelve animals in the Chinese zodiac, and the specific animal can influence the activities and themes of the celebrations.

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- 2. What are some activities that are part of the Lunar New Year celebrations?
- 3. How long does the Lunar New Year celebration last?
- 4. How does the Chinese Lunar New Year differ from the Western New Year?

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