

FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD

CHINA

CHINESE NEW YEAR



Watch a short video on how New Year is celebrated in China and take part in activities from that culture.

COUNTRY QUIZ TIME

Q1. True or false: The Great Wall of China was built using sticky rice?

In 220BC, the Qin Dynasty mixed glutinous rice flour into the binding mixture so that the bricks would stick better. The official length of the wall is 21 thousand kilometres, which is equal to half the length of the equator!

Q2. True or false: China loans giant pandas to other countries?

True, Giant pandas (black and white) only live in China and the ones in the zoos have been sent around the world as gifts or on loan for 10 years to other countries.

Q3. True or false: Brides in China wear gold dresses on their wedding day?

False. Chinese brides wear a red dress because it symbolises good luck, happiness and prosperity.

Q4. True or false: The word China means middle earth?

True. The Chinese name for China translates to middle kingdom. This is because in ancient times they believed that China was the centre of the world in 1000BC.

ACTIVITY TIME:

One: Write Chinese

Practice writing happy new year in a different language

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/media/ChineseNewYear/colourings/ChineseWriting.pdf>

Two Cooking: Make some delicious Chinese dumplings

<https://www.closetcooking.com/jiaozi-chinese-dumplings/>

Three Craft: Make a colourful dragon puppet to celebrate this vibrant festival.

<https://mypoppet.com.au/makes/how-to-chinese-new-year-dragon-puppet/>



VIDEO EXPLAINING FESTIVAL: CHINESE NEW YEAR



Chinese New Year BBC Teach <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YA9fwm4s8M>
Accompanying [teacher notes](#) from BBC

In this film a young member of the Chinese community in the UK tells us about the festival of Chinese New Year and why she enjoys it so much. The 15-day festival begins with spring cleaning: everyone joins in with cleaning the home ready for the New Year. The festival is celebrated with new clothes, gifts of money and special food. There are parades - including dragon and lion dances - and the festivities culminate in fireworks and beautiful lantern displays.



PRAYER TIME:

1. **Thank you:** Give thanks to God for the Chinese people that he has made uniquely and loves.
2. **Children:** For Chinese children to come to know the love of Jesus.
3. **Hope:** For Chinese Christians to share the hope of Christ to their families during this festival.

