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celebrates

Lunar New Year



What is Lunar New Year?

In England, we use the **Gregorian Calendar**. That's a **solar** calendar, meaning it's based on the Earth's orbit around the **sun**.

Some other countries, such as China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam also officially use the Gregorian Calendar, but they also have a traditional calendar that is based on the movements of the **moon** and the sun.



2025 Calendar

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Many of these countries celebrate Lunar New Year as the start of this traditional calendar.

A stylized illustration featuring a large yellow sun in the top left corner. A dark blue tree with bare branches is on the left. A large yellow snake with a dark blue body and a yellow grid pattern on its scales is coiled on the right. The background is a light yellow color with some small red and yellow circles scattered throughout.

How do people celebrate Lunar New Year?



In China, Lunar New Year is known as Spring Festival. On its 15th day, there is a lantern festival.



In Vietnam, Lunar New Year is called Tết. People decorate their homes with flowers: peach blossoms in the north, apricot blossoms in the south.



In South Korea, Lunar New Year is called Seollal. People will visit their elderly relatives and pay respect to their ancestors through special rituals.



Like many other countries, Thailand celebrates Lunar New Year with spectacular dragon parades.

The Chinese Zodiac



The zodiac animals are a way of representing twelve years in the Chinese zodiac calendar. There is a new animal of the year in each year of the Chinese zodiac calendar until all twelve animals have had their turn, and then the cycle repeats.

Can we name the 12 animals?

The Chinese Zodiac animals are...

1. 🐭 Rat

2. 🐮 Ox

3. 🐅 Tiger

4. 🐰 Rabbit

5. 🐉 Dragon

6. 🐍 Snake

7. 🐎 Horse

8. 🐐 Goat

9. 🐒 Monkey

10.. 🐓 Rooster


11. 🐕 Dog

12. 🐷 Pig

What zodiac animal are you?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-are-you-like-your-chinese-zodiac-animal>



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