

## Topic - Chinese New Year

### Activity 1

Watch the videos about Chinese New Year:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/38668427>

### Activity 2

Read the text below and answer the questions:

- 1) How many animals are there in the Chinese Horoscope?
- 2) When did the tradition begin?
- 3) What animal represents the year 2021?

## The Year of the Ox

### What Is the Chinese Horoscope?

Each new lunar year in Chinese **culture** is shown by an animal. There are 12 animals altogether. This tradition is thousands of years old and is believed to have first begun with a story.

It is said that Buddha asked all of the animals on Earth to come and see him. However, only 12 animals answered his call. Buddha gave each one of these animals their own year in the Chinese **zodiac cycle** as a way of saying thank you.

### Did You Know...?

Some versions of the story have the Jade Emperor as the main character and others have Buddha. However, all of the stories are very similar and talk about the same animals.



### Activity 3 - Making a Chinese New Year Mask

Decorate the mask below in the colours you might see during Chinese New Year.

