



**Pakistan School**  
Kingdom of Bahrain

# PAKISTAN SCHOOL, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

***English Grade 10***



# **VIRTUAL CLASSROOM RULES:**

**1- Select a comfortable learning station .**

**2- Be on Time.**

**3- Keep your Textbook, Notebook, Pencil/Pen with you.**

**4- Be attentive.**

**5- Respect each others comments.**

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rules!



# **UNIT 2 : CHINESE NEW YEAR**

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

**AT THE END OF THE LESSON, THE STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO:**

- EXPLORE THE FESTIVALS AND CULTURAL EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD.
- EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF WORDS AS USED IN THE TEXT.
- SUMMARIZE THE TEXT BY LISTING THE IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE CHINESE FESTIVAL.

# **PRE-READING QUESTIONS:**

- **WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY FESTIVAL ?**
- **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF FESTIVALS ?**
- **WHICH FESTIVALS DO YOU CELEBRATE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ?**

# CHINESE NEW YEAR

- (1) Chinese New Year is a holiday that celebrates the beginning of a new year according to the Chinese lunar calendar. It is considered to be one of the most important holidays for Chinese families. The holiday is celebrated with big family gatherings, gift giving, the eating of symbolic foods and display of festive decorations — all focused on bringing good luck for the new year and celebrating the coming of Spring. In China the lunar calendar is still used to determine traditional holidays like Chinese New Year. Since the lunar calendar is based on the phases of the moon--which has a shorter cycle than the sun — Chinese New Year is never on the same day each year, but typically falls somewhere between January 21st and February 20<sup>th</sup>. Celebrations can actually last up to a month.

Why is Chinese New Year never on the same day each year?



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# CHINESE NEW YEAR

- IN CHINA, YOU'LL HEAR IT BEING CALLED CHUNJIE (春节), OR THE SPRING FESTIVAL.
- CHINESE NEW YEAR RANGES FROM JANUARY 21 TO FEBRUARY 20. IN 2019, IT OCCURRED ON FEBRUARY 5TH. THE SPRING FESTIVAL IS TECHNICALLY 15 DAYS. BUT CELEBRATIONS START ON NEW YEAR'S EVE (MAKING IT 16 DAYS).
- THE LUNAR CALENDAR IS STILL REALLY IMPORTANT IN CHINA, EVEN THOUGH IT HAS OFFICIALLY MOVED TO THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR LIKE THE REST OF THE WORLD. ALL TRADITIONAL HOLIDAYS AND DAYS SUCH AS THE WINTER SOLSTICE ARE CELEBRATED. SOME PEOPLE STILL CALCULATE THEIR BIRTHDAYS AND AGES ACCORDING TO THE LUNAR CALENDAR TOO!

Here are some traditions associated with Chinese New Year.

### **Cleaning Houses and New Clothes**

- (2) Prior to the first day of the New Year it is customary for families to thoroughly clean their houses. Doing this is said to clear out any bad luck from the previous year and to make the house ready to accept good luck for the coming year. All cleaning must be finished before New Year's Day so there is no chance of accidentally throwing out the good fortune of the New Year. Wearing black is not allowed due to its association with death, however, wearing red is encouraged as the colour is associated with warding off bad spirits.

What is Chinese belief about cleaning houses before new year day?

## **CLEANING HOUSES AND NEW CLOTHES**

**1- PRIOR – EARLIER**

**2-CUSTOMARY- USUAL,REGULAR**

**3- FORTUNE- LUCK**

**4-ASSOCIATION – LINK**

**5- WARDING OFF -**

- TRADITIONALLY, YOU HAVE TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND CAN ONLY GO OUT AFTER THE 5TH DAY. IT'S A NATIONAL HOLIDAY. THE LARGE MAJORITY OF STORES ARE CLOSED TOO.
- SO IN THE MONTH BEFORE, PEOPLE WILL BUY NIAN HUO (年货), OR NEW YEAR'S PRODUCTS. THE CHINESE STOCK UP ON COOKING SUPPLIES, SNACKS, GIFTS, NEW CLOTHES AND MORE.
- NO SHOWERING, SWEEPING OR THROWING OUT GARBAGE ALLOWED!
- SHOWERING ISN'T ALLOWED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY. SWEEPING AND THROWING OUT GARBAGE ISN'T ALLOWED BEFORE THE 5TH. THIS IS TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T WASH AWAY THE GOOD LUCK!
- ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE'S A DAY BEFORE THE SPRING FESTIVAL DEDICATED TO CLEANING. THIS DAY IS TO SWEEP THE BAD LUCK AWAY AND MAKE ROOM FOR THE GOOD.