

- **ANOTHER DECORATION IS CALLIGRAPHY. THE MOST COMMON WORD IS FÚ (福), MEANING HAPPINESS OR FORTUNE. BUT YOU'LL RARELY SEE IT UPRIGHT.**
- **IT IS SAID THAT IN THE MING DYNASTY, THE EMPEROR ORDERED EVERY HOUSEHOLD TO DECORATE BY PASTING *FU* ONTO THEIR DOORS. ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, HE SENT SOLDIERS TO CHECK. THEY FOUND THAT ONE ILLITERATE FAMILY PASTED THE WORD UPSIDE DOWN.**
- **THE EMPEROR ORDERED THE FAMILY TO BE PUNISHED BY DEATH. THANKFULLY, THE EMPRESS WAS THERE AND CAME UP WITH AN EXPLANATION: “UPSIDE DOWN” (倒—DÀO) IS A HOMOPHONE OF “HERE” (到—DÀO). WHEN IT'S UPSIDE DOWN, IT MEANS THAT *FU* IS HERE.**
- **THE EXPLANATION MADE SENSE TO THE EMPEROR AND HE SET THE FAMILY FREE. FROM THEN ON, PEOPLE WOULD HANG THE WORD UPSIDE DOWN, BOTH FOR FORTUNE AND IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE KIND EMPRESS.**



Fu is usually written on red paper in the style of traditional calligraphy.

PLENARY

- **WHEN IS CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATED?**
- **EXPLAIN THE MYTH OF RED COLOUR AND FIRE CRACKERS.**
- **FU MEANS _____.**





**STAY
HOME**
STAY SAFE

*ALLAH
HAFIZ*

7TH JUNE , 2020