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Luna New Year – it is Chinese New Year today!



Read these Top 10 facts about the Chinese New Year –

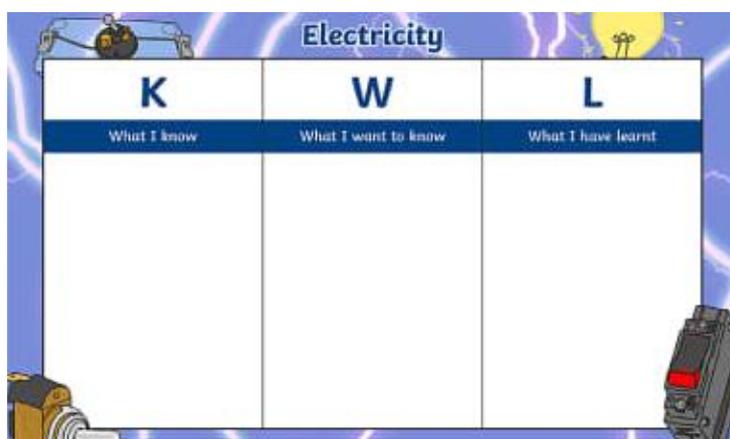
Task: Create an information poster to explain what happens at Chinese New Year.

1. Before the start of the festivities, Chinese people **spring clean** their houses to sweep away any bad luck.
 2. On New Year's Eve, all **brooms, dustpan and brushes** are put away so that good luck can't be swept away. Houses are **decorated** with paper scrolls with good luck phrases such as '**Happiness**' and '**Wealth**'.
 3. People will stay up until midnight setting off fireworks to frighten away evil spirits. **Red symbolises fire which will scare away evil spirits**, so people dress head to foot in new red clothing.
 4. Children receive **red envelopes full of money** instead of wrapped gifts that other nationalities give at Christmas. The amount they receive is usually an even number but the amount cannot be divisible by four. In Chinese, the number 4 means death!
 5. Everyone goes home for the Chinese New Year celebrations, if they can. The period just before the Chinese New Year, called '**chunyun**', is the busiest travel time of the entire year. All across China and beyond, you'll find people on their way home to spend this time with their families.
 6. **Lion and dragon dances** are common during the Chinese New Year and it is believed that the loud drumming and clashing of cymbals will chase away bad luck and evil spirits.
 7. Some Chinese believe you should not **wash your hair** on the first day of the Chinese New Year as you would be washing away your good luck for the New Year.
 8. To make sure you're not ridden with debt in the New Year, the Chinese believe that **all outstanding bills and monies owed to friends and family members should be paid off** before the Chinese New Year.
 9. The Chinese believe that **crying and wailing** on the first day of the Chinese New Year will result in sad times for the remainder of the year. It is also frowned upon to start the New Year by swearing, getting upset or getting angry.
 10. **White or black clothing** are often avoided during the festivities as they represent the traditional colours of mourning for Chinese.
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Science: Task: this term we have learnt in our electricity topic:

- electrical safety in the home
- electrical circuits, circuit diagrams and symbols
- how electricity is made
- What electricity is used for
- Research about electrical inventor scientists.

Go back to your KWL page and add what you have actually learnt as part of your school work to the L column. Just make a list of what you've learnt or look back in your homework book to find the KWL grid you had before.



Creative tasks:

Shadow puppets – using the strong sunshine or a torch or lamp, you could create your own story of the race of the animals for Chinese New Year. Attached are some shadow puppet templates you could use, or you could make your own.

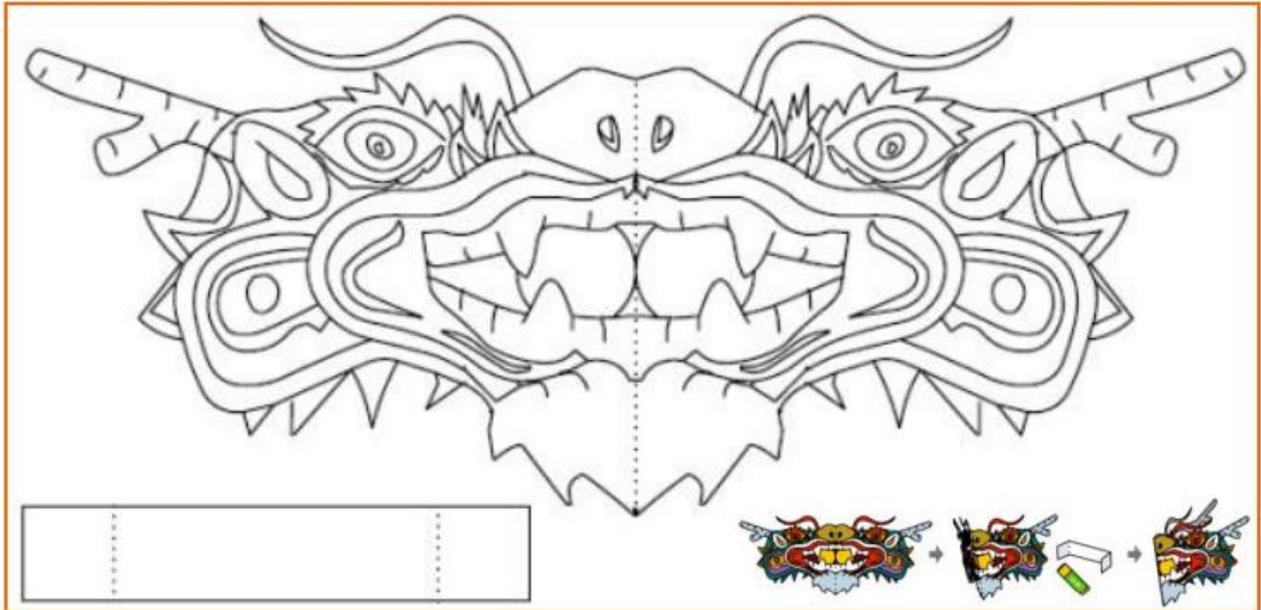
Look on your ClassDojo class story to see the performance that the children in school made using shadow puppets. Perhaps you could use Lego, teddies or other toys to recreate the story. Maybe you could film it using movie-maker or stop motion animation.

Cooking – how about making some spring rolls? Here is a link to a spring roll recipe. You can put in whatever filling you like, vegetables, chicken, prawns...

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/wrap-your-own-spring-rolls>

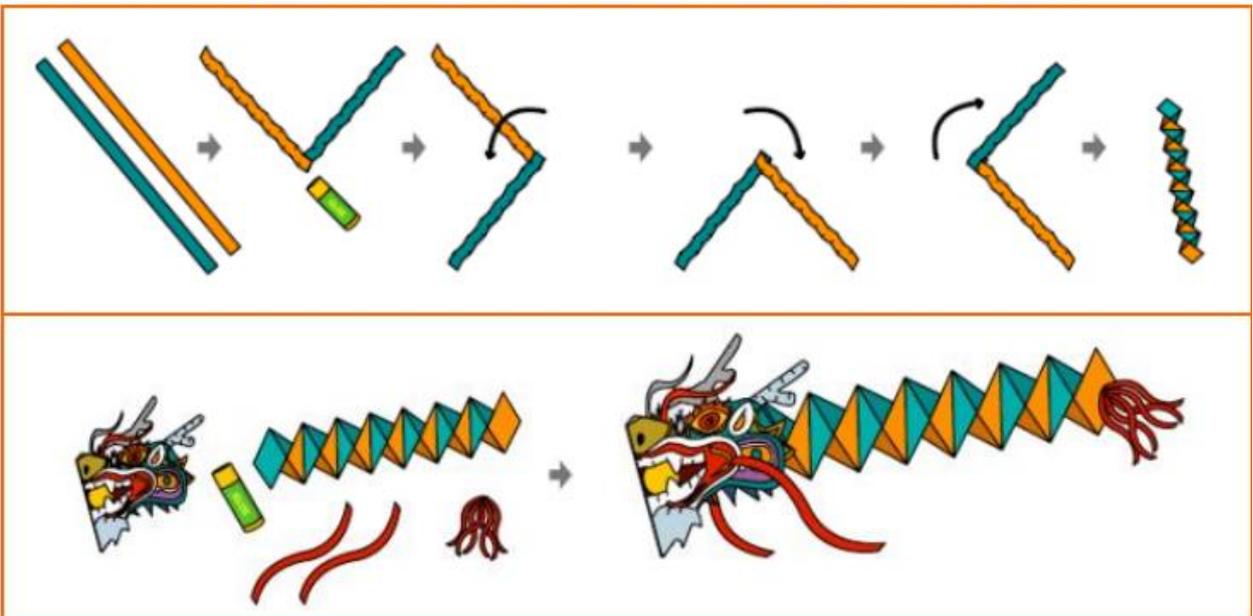
Make a Chinese dragon!

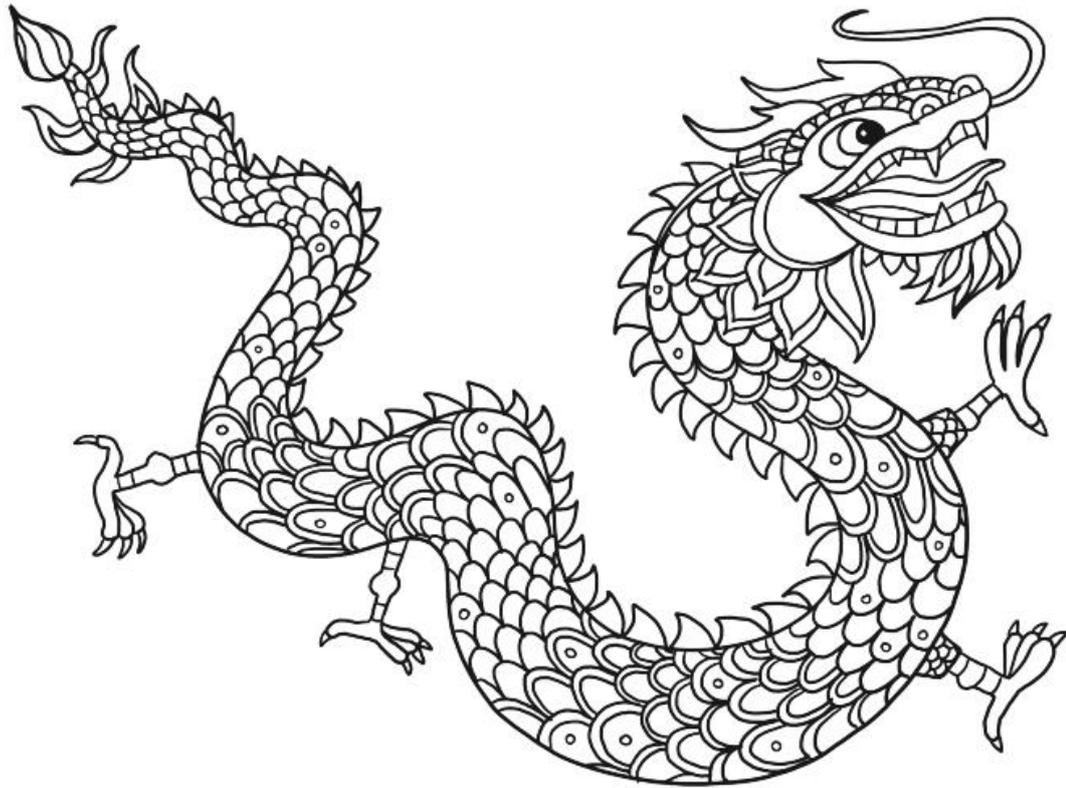
1. Print on card, or stick the dragon's head below onto card. Colour it in. Then cut out the dragon's head and the strip of card. Glue the strip of card to the back of the dragon's head.



2. Make the dragon's body: take two long strips of paper. Put one end of each strip together, but at right angles. Glue the ends together. Fold the strips over each other until you reach the end of the paper. Glue the ends together. Carefully extend the body.

3. Glue the dragon's head to the body. Glue strips of paper or ribbons to the sides of the face for whiskers, and to the end of the body for a tail.





Mindful colouring

Have a safe and happy half term!