



Year 7 – Knowledge Organiser – Spring Term- Celebrations

Choose one special occasion and explain it!

- birthdays
- weddings
- a new baby
- passing a test
- someone coming home after along time

What is the purpose of celebrating this special occasion?
Why is it special to your family?
How does your family celebrate this special occasion?
Is it a good thing to celebrate?
Why?
Can you think of other celebrations?

Find out about the following festivals:

Chinese New Year, Martisor, Holi, Diwali, Ramadan, Easter, New Year’s Eve, International Women’s Day, Valentine’s Day, Saint Patrick’s Day, Shrove Tuesday, Lent and Mardi Gras.

Key vocabulary:
custom, celebration, festival, tradition, birthday, wedding, christening, Bonfire night, Diwali, fireworks, Hanukkah, Advent, Christmas, New Year. **Use a dictionary to find the meaning of the words above.**

Design an invitation for a celebration of your own. Think about what you need to include!

In Chinese tradition, each year is named after one of 12 animals, which feature in the Chinese zodiac: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. So, the animals will have a year dedicated to them once every 12 years, in a cycle. 2022 will be the year of the Tiger, the tiger is considered to be brave, cruel, forceful, and terrifying, are the symbol of power and lordliness in Chinese culture.

What is the Chinese New Year?
The reason the new year falls at this time is because it marks the start of the lunar new year, which is when there is the start of a new moon. Because it depends on the moon, the date of Chinese New Year actually changes each year, but it will always fall sometime between 21 January and 20 February.
Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival. It is the most important celebration in the Chinese calendar.