



Craft Activity

Theme: Chinese New Year - Year of the Pig

Intro: The Chinese Year of the Pig starts on February 9th 2019. A person born in a Year of the Pig, are considered to be warm hearted, loyal, honest and gentle. Lucky numbers for the Pig are 2, 5, & 8. Lucky colours are yellow, brown and gold.

Craft activity: Chinese Fan

Children will need: Half paper plates, bright coloured paints such as red, green, yellow, stickers, pop sticks and glue.

Instructions:

Paint the paper plate in chosen colour. Once dry glue pop stick to the fan and decorate with stickers.

Extension Idea: Talk about how the Chinese celebrate New Year on a different date – this year it is the 5th of February. The celebrations last approximately 15 days. Traditional foods are eaten during the New Year, and gifts of money in red envelopes are given out to children. Fireworks are also a part of larger Parades and celebrations.

Fact: Red is the lucky colour of the Chinese New Year and Chinese people decorate their homes in lots of red decorations for the New Year.



Learning Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity.

Playgroup SA Chinese New Year - Group Time



Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Sensory Tub

You will need: Rice, red food colouring, children's chopsticks, items to hide in the rice (make lucky gold coins out of yellow paper/card), red items.

Instructions: Dye a bag or two of uncooked rice red, using food colouring. Place in a small tray/bowl and cover items for the children to find using the chopsticks or their hands.

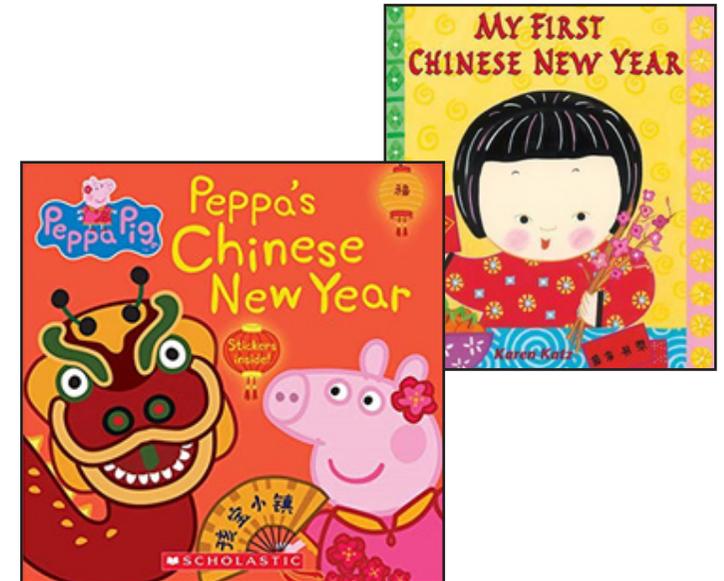
Outside Activity: Hold your own Playgroup Chinese New Year Parade, with the fans the children have made.

Group time ideas:

Ask children if they found out what animal their Chinese Zodiac sign is and have them tell the group.

Practise saying hello in Chinese: Hello- Nǐ hǎo (if you have Chinese families attending your Playgroup, ask them to help with how to pronounce it or use YouTube).

	Snake	1941 1953 1965 1977 1989 2001 2013
	Horse	1942 1954 1966 1978 1990 2002 2014
	Goat	1943 1955 1967 1979 1991 2003 2015
	Monkey	1944 1956 1968 1980 1992 2004 2016
	Rooster	1945 1957 1969 1981 1993 2005 2017
	Dog	1946 1958 1970 1982 1994 2006 2018
	Pig	1947 1959 1971 1983 1995 2007 2019
	Rat	1948 1960 1972 1984 1996 2008 2020
	Ox	1949 1961 1973 1985 1997 2009 2021
	Tiger	1950 1962 1974 1986 1998 2010 2022
	Rabbit	1951 1963 1975 1987 1999 2011 2023
	Dragon	1952 1964 1976 1988 2000 2012 2024



Book Suggestions:

My First Chinese New Year by Karen Katz
Peppa's Chinese New Year