

The Year of the Ox

What Is Chinese New Year?

Chinese New Year is an important Chinese holiday. The celebration is also known as the Spring Festival or Lunar New Year. Each year is named after a different animal. This year is the Year of the Ox!



Why Is Each Year a Different Animal?

One Chinese New Year story says that the Jade Emperor told 12 animals to have a race. This was so that he could name the years and put them in order. He named each year to show the order that the animals finished the race in.



The ox helped the rat during the race but then the rat tricked the ox and won.



This meant that the ox came second so the second year was named after the ox.



When Does the Year of the Ox Start?

The Year of the Ox starts on 12th February 2021. The Year of the Ox won't happen again until 2033.



What Does It Mean If You Are Born in the Year of the Ox?

Someone born in the Year of the Ox is believed to:

be good at waiting

work hard

be honest

put up with things

try hard

You were born in the Year of the Ox if you were born in:

1937

1985

1949

1997

1961

2009

1973

2021



Did You Know...?

People believe that those born in the Year of the Ox have...

- blue, red and purple as their lucky colours.
- tulips and peach blossoms as their lucky flowers.
- one, four and nine as their lucky numbers.

Questions

1. What is Chinese New Year also known as? Tick one.

- the Winter Festival
- the Summer Festival
- the Spring Festival

2. Select the correct options to complete these sentences.

This year is...	a		2033.
The Year of the Ox starts on the...	b		the Year of the Ox.
The Year of the Ox won't happen again until...	c		12th February 2021.

3. Which **two** of these things are true about one Chinese New Year story? Tick **two**.

- The Jade Emperor told 12 animals to have a race.
- The ox won the race.
- The rat won the race.

4. Find and copy one word that means 'tells the truth'.

5. What might your lucky numbers be if you were born in the Year of the Ox?
