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New Year in China

Chinese New Year (Chun Jie, or Spring Festival) is the most important traditional event in China, falling on the first day of the first month of lunar calendar¹. It is celebrated annually as the biggest event of the year.

During Chinese New Year, families and relatives gather to celebrate the beginning of the year. On the New Year's Eve, a family dinner called "Nian Ye Fang" is held, and many dishes are served. Dumplings and fish dishes are especially popular, as they are believed to symbolize prosperity and wealth.

During the New Year, children receive New Year's money in red envelopes called "hong bao". The hong bao represents good luck and prosperity in the new year, children look forward to receiving them.

¹ January 1st of the lunar calendar: Late January to mid-February in the new calendar.

Auspicious decorations

During Chinese New Year, people decorate the entrances and walls of their homes with red paper called “Chun Lian” on which an auspicious couplet is written.

It is also common to display red lanterns around the house. There are words for celebrating the new year and wishing a bountiful harvest, prosperous business, and good health on the lanterns.



Traditional festivals

During the Chinese New Year, lively events and festivals are held throughout China. Traditional performances such as lion dances and dragon dances are held in various places, and many people share the joy of welcoming the New Year.

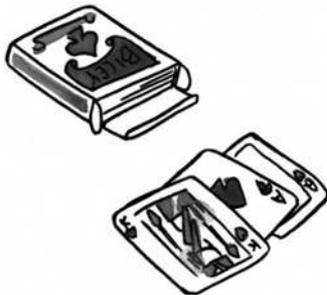
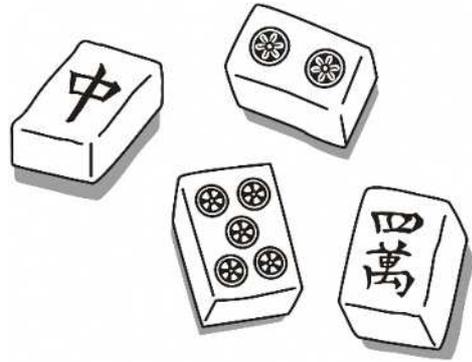
Because Chinese New Year is a holiday based on the lunar calendar², the date varies from year to year. It is usually a week or more long holiday, and many people return to their hometowns to spend time with their families.

²lunar calendar : A calendar based on the phases of the moon taking into account the movement of the sun which indicates the seasons. One year is approximately 354 days.

Traditional games and amusements

Families also enjoy traditional games during the Chinese New Year.

Mahjong and card games are popular games, and relatives often gather to play them during the Chinese New Year. In recent years, increasing numbers of urban families are enjoying domestic or overseas travels during the Chinese New Year. However, respecting traditions and celebrating the Chinese New Year with family is a deeply rooted custom.



Everyone is welcome to visit China during the Chinese New Year to experience the excitement of the New Year atmosphere.

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