

Chinese new year

This year is the rooster year which will begin on 28th of January 2017. Chinese New Year is the main Chinese festival of the year. The date corresponds to the black moon in either late January or February.



Chinese New Year is a time for families to get together and remember their families. Fireworks are set off, because it is thought that the noise and lights will scare away any evil spirits coming. In China schools and businesses are closed for the first days of the new year. The rooster is the 10th animal and the next time it will be the year of the rooster it will be 2029! Before Chinese New Year, people clean their homes really well to get ready for the festival. When New Year's Day comes, there is a tradition not to pick up a broom in case you sweep the good luck out of the door.



This is a picture of Hong Kong for the lunar year in 2016

There are parades and performances where lots of people dress up in traditional clothes. Also there is always lots of delicious Chinese food like noodles. Red lanterns are hung up in lots of places to mark the occasion. The festivities last for 2 weeks, finishing with a special lantern festival, which signals the end of the New Year celebration period.

