Chinese New Year
(also known as the lunar new year)

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Chinese New Year History

Chinese New Year always falls on the second new moon after Winter. Other Asian countries celebrate by using the Lunar calendar as well.

According to tales and legends, Chinese New Year started with a fight against a mythical beast called the “Year”. It will come out to harm people, animals and properties on Chinese New Year. The “Year” fears the colour red, fire and loud sounds.
Celebrations during the day

Chinese new year is the most important celebration for the Chinese. It goes for 15 days.

During the day, some families go out for the day and celebrate by watching a mythical dragon called the Dui Nian that gives good luck. Some people carry around lanterns and firecrackers to celebrate. Fireworks are popular during this time because it is known to scare evil spirits.
Chinese Lucky Charm Beliefs

Every year there is a lucky charm for the Chinese, they believe that this charm shows a person's personality. This year is the goat and it is celebrated on the 19th of February.

In 2004, the lucky animal is the monkey. There are lucky colours, numbers and flowers.
- Colours - Gold, white and blue
- Numbers - 4 and 9
- Flowers - Chrysanthemum which is white and the Crape-myrtle which is purple.

In 2005, the lucky animal is the rooster. The lucky numbers are 5, 7, 8.
- The colours are gold, brown and yellow,
- And the flowers are the Gladiola which is green and the Cockscomb which is pink.
Traditional Food

On Chinese New Year, the fish is the most common food to eat. They cook the fish by either boiling or steaming. The famous Chinese fish dish includes weaver, pickled cabbage and chilli, steamed fish and vinegar sauce.

Dumplings are very popular in China. It is one of the main dishes for Chinese New Year Eve.

Tang Yuan is a small ball made from rice flour mixed in a small amount of water to form a shape of balls, then cooked in boiling water.

A Vietnamese traditional food is thit kho which is egg and meat and banh Tet which is a sticky rice cake.
Cultures that celebrate Chinese New Year

For the Chinese, traditionally the first day should be at the husband's side of the family and the second day at the wife's.

Chinese New Year is a public holiday that lasts a few days in some countries such as Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, North Korea, Singapore, South Korea, Vietnam and China. During Chinese New Year, it is common for friends and family to visit each other and normally have a big feast on Chinese New Year Eve.
Chinese New Year Facts

It is always celebrated on the first day of the first month on the Chinese calendar which is late January or early February to us. Every year, it changes to us because it originated in 2600 B.C.

- The etymology of Lunar is moon.
- Some families have a large celebration and many children receive money in red envelopes for good luck.
Thank you!!!

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