

CHEN'S FESTIVALS

Chinese New Year



Hú nián, the Year of the Tiger, Chinese people use a cycle of 12 animals to represent different years. This year is the Year of the Tiger.



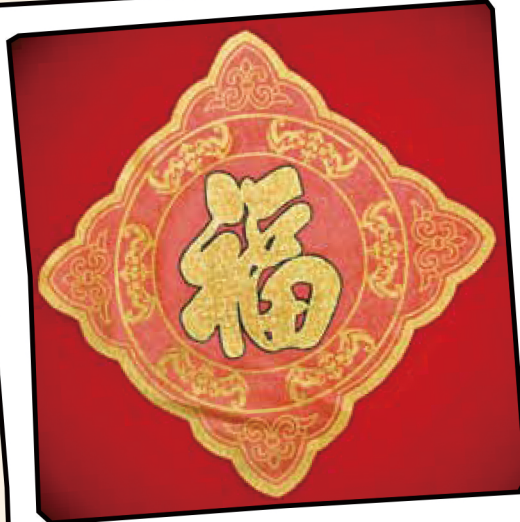
Chú xī, Chinese Spring Festival Eve, is the day on which family members all get together to celebrate the new year.



Jiǎo zi, the traditional food for the Chinese Spring Festival.



Duì lián, Spring Festival couplets, are usually written on two pieces of red paper and stuck to the door; they carry wishes for the coming year.



Fú zì, the Chinese character meaning "good luck", is a traditional decoration which is always displayed upside and stuck to the centre of the front door.



Biān pào, Chinese fireworks, according to Chinese legend, the colour red, loud sounds and the noise and fire of Chinese fireworks can scare away the Nian monster and keep people safe.



Yā suì qián, is a gift of money given by parents and older relatives to children as a symbol of protection.

Chūn Jié, the Chinese Spring Festival starts at mid night on the 30th day of the 12th month of the lunar calendar and ends on the 15th day of the 1st month in lunar calendar.

