

Worksheet 3

The Flower of Happiness

Happy New Year!

The Flower of Happiness is a traditional fairy tale from China. A time of much happiness and celebration in China is the Chinese New Year. Working alone or with a partner, complete the passage about the Chinese New Year inserting words from the boxes below.

equipment	different	houses	red	family
firecrackers	washing	later	parade	night
ancestors	language	lucky	moon	knives

The Chinese calendar is based on the movements of the sun and _____ so New Year's Day falls on a _____ date each year. Chinese New Year starts with the new moon and ends on the full moon 15 days _____. A Lantern Festival is held on the 15th day and is celebrated at _____ with lantern displays and children carrying lanterns in a _____. Chinese New Year is a time for _____ reunions. It is also considered a time to give thanks and remember family _____. Families are expected to clean their _____ before New Year's Day making sure that all cleaning _____ is put away on New Year's Eve. On New Year's Eve the Chinese people light _____ and open their front doors as symbols of sending out the old year and welcoming in the new. No one is allowed to use bad _____ or mention death on New Year's Day. Crying, _____ and using scissors and _____ on New Year's Day are considered bad luck. The colour _____ should be worn to ensure a happy year ahead and seeing or hearing red-coloured birds is thought to be a _____ sign.