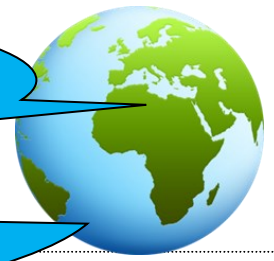




Very International People



The traditions of Chinese New Year started in 1766 BC. This year is the Year of the Dog and lots of people around the world will be joining in the celebrations of Chinese New Year which starts on February 16th 2018. The Dog is the eleventh animal in the Chinese zodiac.



People believe that if you are born into the Year of the Dog, you are likely to be faithful, loyal and a true friend. Dogs are brave, clever, warm-hearted and friendly and they are usually good to have around. A dog is always honest and affectionate. They are good at keeping secrets. Sometimes they can be a little too stubborn, if they believe themselves to be right! People born in 2018 are likely to be good communicators, responsible and love to spend time outside.

In preparation for Chinese New Year, people clean their homes to get rid of all the bad spirits, they have their hair cut, get new clothes and prepare a traditional family meal. They also decorate their



At school all classes have enjoyed learning about the customs and traditions of Chinese New Year. Students from Durham University came to share lots of information and helped us to make paper 'Good Luck' window hangers.



Parents helped in Reception and Year 3 and children enjoyed making decorations and delicious dumplings!

Other activities included:

- Research about China
- Willow pattern artwork
- Paper dogs
- Fire cracker decorations
- Chinese writing
- Computer dragons
- Posters about the Chinese Lantern festival
- Chinese zodiac animal race Sudoku
- Comprehension about the Year of the Dog
- Making dragons, masks and lanterns



Year 2 performed a wonderful Assembly explaining how Chinese



people prepare for the New Year and the story of the animal race. The children were fantas-



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