

# CHINESE NEW YEAR

## 1 Read and answer the questions.

In **China**, the start of the New Year is on a different day every year, usually in January or February. It is a holiday that lasts for 15 days. It starts on the first day of a new moon, and finishes with a full moon, on the day of the **Lantern Festival**.

There are twelve **Chinese zodiac signs**, named after twelve animals. Each year relates to one of them. They say that, depending on the year you were born in, you get some of the characteristics of that year's animal!

People celebrate their **New Year** with special food like noodles, fish and cakes. Families and friends give money to children in red envelopes. They also decorate their houses with a lot of red things. Red symbolises good luck! During the celebrations, there are a lot of fireworks in the sky, and street performances like lion and dragon dances!

- 1 When is Chinese New Year?
- 2 How long does it last?
- 3 When does Chinese New Year finish?
- 4 What are the Chinese zodiac signs named after?
- 5 How do Chinese people celebrate New Year?
- 6 Why do they use the red colour?

## 2 Read the sentences. If they are **True**, colour the section red. If they are **False**, colour the section yellow.

