## **Chinese New Year**

From Nursery to Year 6, students engage in developing both their language skills and an understanding of Mandarin culture and society. Each year, the entire school comes together to celebrate Chinese New Year, during which we encourage the children to recall what they already know about these festivities. In preparation for the celebration, we sing songs in Mandarin, which includes a mix of familiar tunes learned in previous years and new songs introduced more recently. Over the course of two weeks, each class participates in a variety of activities, such as creating lanterns, writing "Happy New Year" in Mandarin characters, performing Chinese dragon dances, painting masks, and cooking traditional dishes. The children also explore popular Chinese stories and myths, enriching their cultural knowledge. To culminate this festive period, we organise a sharing assembly at the end of Chinese New Year, where students can present what they have learned during the festivities.





