

Food

1. Glutinous Rice balls :汤圆/ 湯圓 - (tāng yuán) (tong1 jyun4)



Their circular shape represents harmony and unity.

2. Fat Choy :发菜/ 髮菜 - (fà cài) (faat3 coi3)

This vegetable sounds like "gong xi fa cai" or "gong hei fat choy" (恭喜發財), which is a saying meaning 'wishing for a prosperous year'.



3. Dumplings : 水饺/ 水餃 - (shuǐ jiǎo) (seoi2 gaau2)



They represent longevity and wealth, and their shape represents gold ingots from old Chinese currency.

Chinese Zodiac Animals

In order from left to right



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CHCP wishes you a

**HAPPY
CHINESE
NEW YEAR**

新年快乐

**Year of the Ox
2021**

Greetings

The two common ways to say "Happy New Year" in Chinese are:

新年快乐!

(xīn nián kuài lè)

"Have a Happy New Year!"

(san1 nin4 faai3 lok6)



新年好!

(xīn nián hǎo)

"Have a good New Year!"

(san1 nin4 hou2)

Other Chinese New Year greetings are also used such as:

年年有餘

(nián nián yǒu yú)"

"May you have abundance every year."

(nin4 nin4 jau5 jyu4)

和气生財

(hé qì shēng cái)

"May harmony bring wealth."

(wo4 hei3 sang1 coi4)

大吉大利

(dà jí dà lì)

"May you have great luck and great profit."

(daai6 gat1 daai6 lei6)

財源廣進

(cái yuán guǎng jìn)

"May wealth flow in."

(coi4 jyun4 gwong2 zeon3)

Tales of the OX



The ox represents the second of the twelve animals in the Chinese zodiac twelve-year cycle. The Chinese translation for the ox is niú (牛).

Myth: The Jade Emperor determined the zodiac order by hosting a race of twelve animals. The ox finished second because the rat after riding on its back to cross the river to the land, jumped off, ran, and arrived first at the finish line.

Symbolism: In Chinese culture, The ox is known to be hard-working, methodical, clever, and kind. They are used in agriculture and transportation.

Personality and characteristics: Strong-willed, responsible, honest, diligent, persistent, and trustworthy are some characteristics of people born in the year of the ox. White, yellow, and green are lucky colors, which symbolize wealth and accomplishments in Feng Shui.

Beginning February 12, 2021, year of the ox will be a harmonious year. The ox represents luck and relationships. It's a great year to strengthen bonds with loved ones.

Traditions

Main Chinese New Year activities include: putting up decorations, eating a reunion dinner with family on New Year's Eve, firecrackers and fireworks, and giving red envelopes and other gifts



Public celebrations: On Chinese New Year's Day, many places will have traditional performances like dragon dances, and lion dances.



Red is the main color for the festival, as red is believed to be an auspicious color. Red can be seen in the decorations (like lanterns), red envelopes, and firecrackers.

