

Facts About Chinese New Year (Part 2)

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With the New Year, there will be a new ruling animal of the Zodiac. The Chinese Zodiac has twelve animals: the rat, the ox, the tiger, the rabbit, the dragon, the snake, the horse, the goat, the monkey, the rooster, the dog, and the pig. 2021 is the year of the ox, and 2022 will be the year of the tiger. People say that the year, and the children born in that year, share the good attributes of that animal. These animals also play an important role in Chinese art because artists have depicted them so many times.

Adults give children red envelopes with “luck money.” This gift is supposed to bring good luck for the whole year. People may even burn fake money for family in the afterlife, so that they can have good luck there too.

One thing people do not do is sweep and clean. This may seem odd, but the reason is that the house is full of luck

for the family, so you would not want to sweep any of it away by mistake.