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Lunar New Year — Crafts

Paper lanterns, red envelopes, dragon puppets

Three crafts

1 — Paper lantern Fold red paper in half lengthwise. Cut slits along the folded edge, leaving 2cm at the top. Open out, roll into a tube, glue. Add a strip of paper across the top for a handle. Hang.	2 — Red envelope (hongbao) Fold red paper into a small envelope. Decorate with gold pen — usually with the Chinese character for 'good fortune' (福). Inside, put a small message or chocolate coin.
3 — Dragon dance puppet Colour and decorate a long zig-zag fold of paper for the body. Attach a head shape at one end, tail at the other. Two craft sticks underneath let one or two children move it.	

Cultural notes

Red is the lucky color of Lunar New Year — believed to ward off bad spirits. Gold represents wealth and prosperity. The dragon dance is performed to bring luck to homes and businesses for the year ahead. Display the children's lanterns and dragons together for an in-class celebration.

