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JANUARY 2023 WEEKLY READER #4

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January Birthdays

31 Denise Alexander

February Birthdays

14 Shannon Blair

16 Jessica Lannon

18 Delphia Von Heeder

20 Don Giles

25 Nina Beth Everhard

26 Diane Dow



**TMRC Daylight
Chapter #1145**

- There will be an
Initiation on 30 JAN at
1:30 pm

Next Stated meeting
- February 27th at
1:30 pm

Grab a pencil and piece of
paper. How many words
can you make using the
letters in "Lunar New Year"
We found 79!



February:

Flower: Violet

Birthstone: purple amethyst

Zodiac Signs: Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb
19) and Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



Chinese New Year 2023 falls on Sunday,
January 22nd, 2023, and celebrations
culminate with the Lantern Festival on
February 5th, 2023. This year, the Lunar
New Year starts on Jan. 22.

Celebrations last up to 16 days, but only
the first 7 days are considered a public
holiday (January 22nd–January 29th,
2023).

8 DAYS

JAN 14TH–21ST

Little Year

Preparations for the new year begin on
January 14th, 2023, and last until New
Years Eve.

11 DAYS

JANUARY 22ND–FEB 1ST

Spring Festival

Chinese New Year officially begins on
January 22nd, 2023, and ends on
February 1st.

4 DAYS

FEB 2ND–5TH

Lantern Festival

Preparations begin the 2nd, and the
Lantern Festival is held on February 5th.
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter
to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TUYOH
O O O O O

IYDEC
O O O O O

LARPIS
O O O O O

ASEWES
O O O O O

Today's Guest JUMBLER is
BRIAN CRANE
creator of PICKLES

ZZZ!

NAPPING CAME SO
NATURALLY FOR HIM, HE
COULD DO IT WITH _____

Now arrange the circled letters to form
the surprise answer, as suggested by the
above cartoon.

Print
answer
here

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CHINESE NEW YEAR

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C	H	I	N	E	S	E	R	N	O	G	U	E	U
A	H	R	Y	M	O	N	K	E	Y	E	U	G	R
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C	P	E	D	R	A	G	O	N	S	C	G	R	E
A	R	I	O	L	I	R	O	R	O	N	R	A	F
I	F	I	G	T	E	F	W	B	R	E	O	N	E
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O	I	R	I	O	A	O	X	K	O	T	G	L	I
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- TIGER
- SNAKE
- DRAGON
- FEBRUARY
- RED
- LUNAR
- PIG
- RAT
- MONKEY
- GOAT
- HORSE
- NEW YEAR
- ZODIAC
- ROOSTER
- OXEN
- DOG
- CHINESE
- PARADE
- RABBIT

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The Lunar New Year is commonly associated with the **Chinese New Year** or **Spring Festival**, typically falls sometime between January 21 and February 20 annually. This year in terms of the Chinese zodiac animal, it's the Year of the Rabbit. The **Chinese New Year** festival period lasts for 16 days, starting from **Chinese New Year's** eve to the Lantern Festival

It's called the Lunar New Year because it marks the first new moon of the lunisolar calendars traditional to many east Asian countries including China, South Korea, and Vietnam, which are regulated by the cycles of the moon and sun.

A solar year—the time it takes Earth to orbit the sun—lasts around 365 days, while a lunar year, or 12 full cycles of the Moon, is roughly 354 days. As with the Jewish lunisolar calendar, "a month is still defined by the moon, but an extra month is added periodically to stay close to the solar year." This is why the new year falls on a different day within that month-long window each year.

This year, blue and purple are considered lucky colors.

Decorations for the holiday are typically red and gold.

Red is the most popular color for Lunar New Year celebrations because of its traditional associations with happiness and good fortune, wealth and auspiciousness. It also has roots in the origins of the Chinese holiday; the color red (along with loud noise and fire) was instrumental in warding off evil spirits, hence the red lanterns and firecrackers associated with the celebrations.

Rabbits are said to be the luckiest of all the animals in the Chinese zodiac, and are said to be calm, peaceful people with artistic and sensitive temperaments. rabbits represent the moon

Lunar New Year traditions include the Dragon Dance and the distribution of red envelopes filled with money.

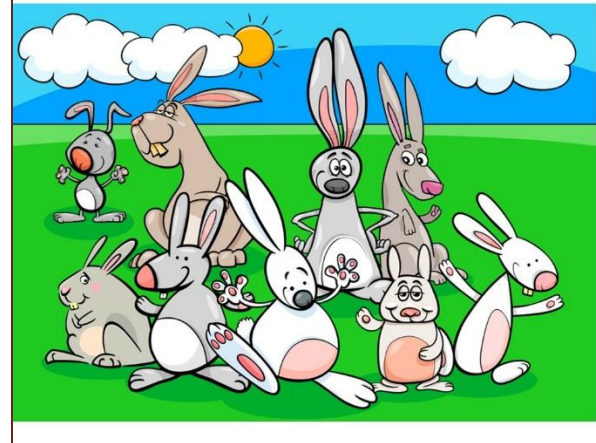
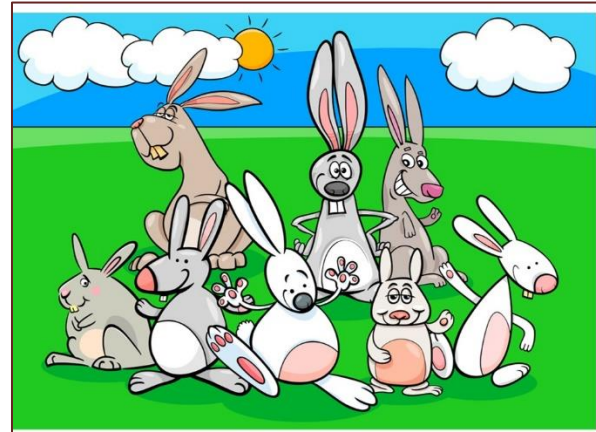
Red pockets full of money: in China they're traditionally gifted from an elder or parent to children, or really anyone who's unmarried. "It's really fun, because even if your brother is 40 and he's unmarried he still gets red envelope, The custom arose out of a tradition of using coins as a gift to ward off evil spirits.

Firecrackers: Firecrackers and fireworks are often set off throughout Lunar New Year, both to ward off an ancient monster called Nian, and because it's become a raucous way to celebrate. It's common to see families shooting off the equally festive, and non-fiery, confetti cannons on the streets of U.S. Chinatowns on New Year's Day.

The Lion Dance and Dragon Dance: Traditional dances and gymnastic performances are an exciting part of a Lunar New Year parade.

The Dragon Dance features visible puppeteers holding poles as they make the dragon move in a flowing motion.

Every [Lunar New Year](#) billions of red envelopes stuffed with money are exchanged physically and virtually as a token of good fortune in the New Year.



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