

Chinese New Year 2021 starts on Friday 12th and lasts for 16 days.

This year is the Year of the Ox.

Red is the main colour for the festival, it is a sign of good fortune.

Red lanterns are the most popular decorations for Chinese New Year.

Activities you can do at home to join in with the celebrations for Chinese New Year

Research the story of Chinese New Year and find out how the animals were chosen.	Research the animal for the year you were born and compare the personality traits.	Find out facts about China and draw the flag.
Learn the numbers 1-10 in Mandarin (a common language spoken in China)	Wish your family Happy New Year in Cantonese (a common language spoken in China) Kung Hei Fat Choi (gung hay fat choy)	Enjoy and share an orange with someone. In China oranges are passed around at New Year because they represent wealth and luck.

If you are feeling crafty you could have a go at one of these ideas

Make a hand print dragon



Make a Chinese lantern



Make an ox book mark



Please take photographs of anything you do to celebrate and share them with us in school.

Handprint Dragon

Supplies

- Dragon head and tail templates
- Felt tip pens or coloured pencils
- Scissors
- Paper
- Paint
- Paintbrush



- Shallow trays or plates
- PVA glue



- 1 First, use either felt tip pens, coloured pencils or paint to colour the dragon head and tail templates.



- 2 Next, carefully cut out the dragon head and tail.



- 5 Once your handprints are dry, carefully cut around them.



- 6 Next, choose a handprint and use the glue to stick it onto the back of your dragon's head, with the fingers pointing towards the tail end.



- 3 Now you can start making the dragon's body using handprints! To do this, carefully press your hand into some paint, you may want to use the paintbrush to spread the paint all over your palm. Then gently press your hand onto a piece of paper.



- 7 Continue sticking the handprints together to make a long line of them for your dragon's body!



- 4 Repeat step 3 about 10 times to make a long dragon. You may want to use a few different colours!



- 8 When you have used all of your handprints, stick the dragon's tail onto the end. Allow to dry and then your dragon is finished!

Chinese Lantern

Supplies

- A4 coloured card
- PVA glue
- Scissors
- Sequins
- Glitter
- Ribbon
- Sticky tape



- 1 First fold the piece of card in half lengthways. Now hold the card horizontally from the folded edge and use scissors to cut lines which go from the fold, down towards the edge of the card. Make sure that the cuts stop before the edge of the card! Also make sure to space them out so that there is around 3cm between each cut.



- 2 Now open the card out and lay it flat so that it is ready to decorate. You can use PVA glue to cover parts of the lantern with glitter. You can also stick on some sequins and lengths of ribbon along the bottom edge.



- 3 Once completely dry, bend the card around into a cylinder shape. Secure it in place using sticky tape.



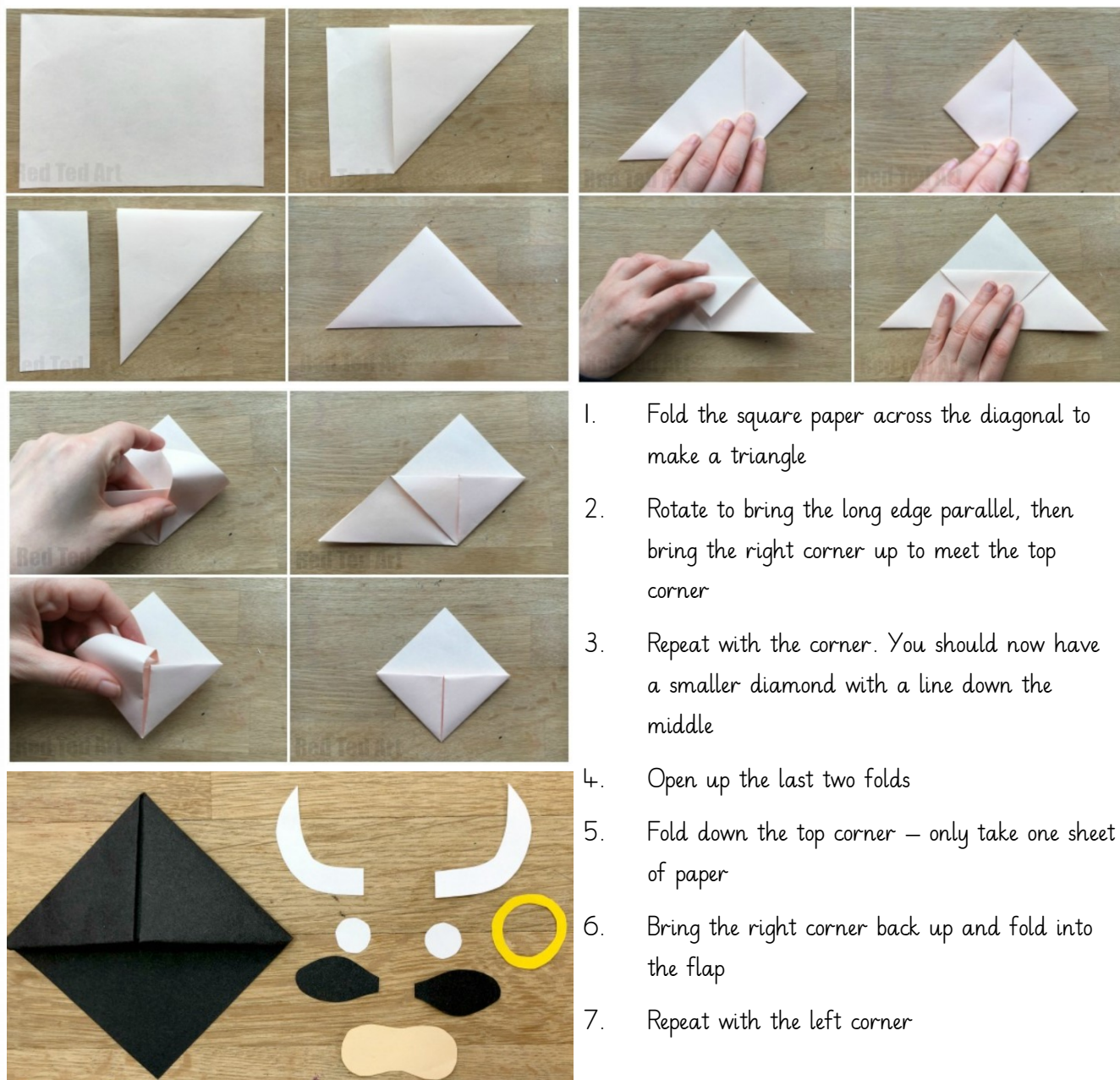
- 4 Now make a handle for the lantern. You can use a piece of ribbon and attach it to the top of the lantern on the inside.

COW Bookmark Corner



To make a Bull Corner Bookmark you will need:

- White square paper OR black/ brown if making a different type of cow, bull or ox
- Scraps of contrasting paper in black, pink and white OR pink/ beige, white, black and yellow depending on final design
- Scissors
- Glue Stick



1. Fold the square paper across the diagonal to make a triangle
2. Rotate to bring the long edge parallel, then bring the right corner up to meet the top corner
3. Repeat with the corner. You should now have a smaller diamond with a line down the middle
4. Open up the last two folds
5. Fold down the top corner — only take one sheet of paper
6. Bring the right corner back up and fold into the flap
7. Repeat with the left corner