

Chinese New Year is the most important holiday of the Chinese calendar. The New Year begins January 21 and February 20. The celebration starts with the second new moon the beginning of winter (December 21) and until the next full moon. The Chinese name their years after 12 different animals: the rat, the ox, the tiger, the hare, the dragon, the snake, the horse, the sheep, the monkey, the rooster, the dog, the pig. Some Chinese people believe that a human being's and character depend the animal of the year he or she born. The Chinese New Year marks the start of the animal's year. After the year of the pig the twelve-year period starts over with the year of the rat.

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