

Answers

1. Which of the following types of ox are listed in the Chinese zodiac cycle? Tick **two**.

- Metal Ox**
- Stone Ox
- Wind Ox
- Wood Ox**

2. On which date does the Year of the Tiger begin? Tick one.

- 12th February 2021
- 1st February 2022**
- 21st February 2022
- 21st January 2021

3. Find and copy one word which shows that it is not known which version of the story is the original tale.

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4. List **two** of the supposed traits of an Earth Ox.

Accept any two of the following: smart; confident; determined.

5. In which section of the text would you find the date of the next Chinese New Year?

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6. Why does Chinese New Year fall on a slightly different date each year?

Pupils' own responses, such as: Chinese New Year falls on a slightly different date each year because it marks the beginning of the lunar year whereas the other calendar that we use is based on the Sun's movements instead.

7. How might people born in the Year of the Ox be rewarded for their hard work in 2021?

Pupils' own responses, such as: People born in the Year of the Ox might be rewarded for their hard work in 2021 by gaining wealth.

8. ...Buddha called out to all of the animals on Earth and asked them to come and see him yet only 12 animals answered Buddha's call. Explain why you think that the ox was one of the 12 animals that responded to Buddha's call.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the ox was one of the 12 animals that answered Buddha's call because the ox is said to be a reliable creature.

9. Summarise what you have learnt about Chinese New Year using 30 words or fewer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Chinese New Year is a popular, historic celebration and it is based on the lunar year. Each year is represented by one of 12 animals from a traditional story.