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How does your family celebrate New Year? Write below any special traditions, food, or celebrations your family has.

Look at page 15 of the book *Chinese New Year*. The photograph and caption tell us that fortune cookies have messages of good luck inside them. The one in the photograph says *You have made the right decision*.

Think of some other messages you might find inside a fortune cookie and write them on the back of this sheet.

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Use books, an encyclopedia, or the Internet to find the answers to these questions –

1. How many people live in China? _____

2. What is the capital of China? _____

3. What type of government does China have? _____

4. How many languages are spoken in China? _____

5. How many people from a Chinese background live in this country? _____

Research the New Year customs and traditions of another country. You may like to choose the country that your family originally came from. Present your information as a bright colourful poster to represent celebrations. Include the following information –

- Name of the country you have chosen
- When New Year is celebrated
- Special traditions or customs for families
- Special festivals or celebrations for the community
- Foods eaten at New Year
- Your name
- The name of the book, encyclopedia, or Internet site where you found your information

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- Research how to make a simple Chinese paper lantern to decorate your classroom.
- Make your design as bright and colourful as you can.
- Draw a picture of a dragon or other Chinese symbol on your lantern.
- Hang your lantern in the classroom.