



CHINESE NEW YEAR



Chinese New Year is celebrated at the end of January or in early February, depending on the year. Some call it the Lunar New Year. The celebrations last 15 days, ending with a lantern festival on a full moon. Each year in the Chinese calendar has an animal symbol. In 2008 Chinese New Year began on February 7th. It is currently the Year of the Rat. The Chinese Year is actually 4705.

The Chinese celebrate New Year with a festival. Families exchange presents and there are parades in the streets. People dance and some get together and dress in a Dragon costume. People let off loud fireworks, the bangs are meant to frighten away evil spirits.

TASK

Fill out the rest of the table. What was the Animal for the year you were born?

YEAR	CHINESE YEAR	ANIMAL
1996	4693	Rat
		Ox
		Tiger
		Rabbit
		Dragon
		Snake
		Horse
		Sheep
		Monkey
		Rooster
		Dog
2008	4705	Pig
		Rat
		Ox
2019	4716	