




Ming's Chinese New Year

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	Ming is getting excited about Chinese New Year.
	Celebrations will start on February 12 th this year. It is the Year of the Ox.
	Ming will help her family to spring clean their home to sweep away any bad luck.
	And she will help decorate her home with paper cuttings and red lanterns to bring good luck.
	Lots of things are red at Chinese New Year. It means happiness and luck.
	At Chinese New Year, married people will give Ming little red packets with some money inside. They are sharing their wealth and blessings.
	Ming is also looking forward to the Candy Box that her Mum fills with tasty sweets, melon seeds and goodies.
	People in China will light fireworks and firecrackers. They believe the loud noises will scare monsters.
	Ming and her family will watch dancing and drumming with people dressed as lions and dragons. It is very skilful.
	Ming will say "Kung Hei Fat Choi" to her friends and family. It means that she wishes them success and good fortune.