Section One: General information about the Chinese Spring Festival

Leading in :

T: Look at the unique Chinese character” 龘“

Read it correctly and ask students to explain its meaning.

2024 is the Chinese Dragon Year! You’re welcome into the Dragon Year!

Step1. Show students pictures and ask questions:

Q1：When does the Chinese New Year come?

Q2: What does the festival mean?

Q3: To reunite with their family, what do people do?

Q4: What customs and traditions do you know?

Q5: What special dishes do you know about the reunion dinner on the New Year’s Eve?

语法填空：

The Chinese New Year, also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( know) as the Spring Festival, is the most important and celebrated festival in Chinese culture. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( Mark) the end of winter and the beginning of spring, it symbolizes new beginnings, family reunion and best wishes for a prosperous year ahead.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( Base) on the Chinese lunar calendar, the festival \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( typical) falls between late January and early February. The celebration traditionally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( last) 15 days, starting from the New Year’s Eve to the Lantern Festival, the 15th day of the first lunar month.

The festival is characterized by various customs and traditions, including cleaning and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( decorate) homes to sweep away ill-fortune and make way for incoming good luck, setting off fireworks and firecrackers to scare away evil spirits (afraid of loud noises, red color and flames) , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( give) red envelopes (hongbao) filled with money for luck and prosperity and lion and dragon dances to bring good fortune.

The Chinese New Year also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( witness) the largest annual human migration in the world, known as Chunyun, or the Spring Festival travel rush. Millions of people travel across the country \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( reunite) with their families, making it an incredibly busy travel season.

One of the key features of the Chinese New Year is the family reunion dinner, known as “Nian Ye Fan”, on New Year’s Eve. This meal is a grand feast, including dishes like dumplings, fish and niangao (a sticky rice pudding or rice cake), each symbolizing good fortune, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(prosperous) and longevity.

**Key words and expressions:**

1. the most celebrated festival \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2. symbolize vt. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. reunion n. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4. prosperous adj.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. lunar calendar \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. typically adv. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. be characterized by/ with sth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. last 15 days \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. setting off fireworks and firecrackers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10. ill – fortune \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. scare away evil spirits \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 12. annual human migration \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. the Spring Festival travel rush\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 14. reunite with families \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. Incredibly adv. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 16. witness vt. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

17. a grand feast \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 18. longevity n. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Step2. Look at the picture and ask:

Q6: What do most of the Chinese people do after the reunion dinner?

Q7: What was the most impressive programme of the 2024 Dragon Year‘s Gala? ( Then enjoy a video about the magic show)

Q8: What else do people do besides the traditional activities?

语法填空：

One of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_（highlight） of the festival is the Spring Festival Gala, a televised event broadcast on New Year’s Eve. It features a wide variety of performances, including music, dance, crosstalk, magic show, comedy and drama \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enjoys great popularity among billions of people across the globe.

It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ common practice for the Chinese to visit relatives and friends from the first day of the Chinese new year to the Lantern Festival. People visit temple fairs, climb mountains \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ go travelling with their family or friends to have great fun and enjoy rare leisure time.

**Key words and expressions:**

1. highlight n. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vt. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. televise vt. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. broadcast n. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vt. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. feature n. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vt. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. a wide variety of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. comedy n. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. drama n. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. a common practice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. rare adj. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. leisure time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Section Two: Global Influence

Step3. Show pictures and say:

With the development of our country, traditions and customs are also observed overseas and the Chinese Spring Festival is scheduled on the UN calendar in 2024.

语法填空：

More than 700,000 people in London joined in a carnival on Sunday ( Feb.11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(organize) by the London Chinatown Chinese Association, or LCCA, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( welcome) the Year of the Dragon.  
 The celebration, claimed by the organizers to be the largest Chinese New Year event outside Asia, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(commence) at 10 am with a diverse parade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(feature) handcrafted floats, dragon dance troupes, and displays of traditional Chinese \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(costume). The procession started from the east of Trafalgar Square and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(conclude) on Shaftesbury Avenue in Chinatown.  
Step4: Let’s enjoy greeting from the UN Secretary-General António Guterres

Keys words and expressions ( 英译汉)

1. rise to today’s global challenges \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. realize a sustainable, just and peaceful future\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Section Three: Festive Movies

Step5. Show pictures and ask:

Q9: Did you see any movie during the Chinese Year？

Q10: Could you share something with us? What do you think of it? What do you learn from it?

Step6. Let’s appreciate some classic lines from YOLO and hope you all can get some inspiration!

Keys words and expressions ( 英译汉)

1. according to data from Maoyan Professional Edition \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. as of 21:00 on February 17th\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. the total box office of new films \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. exceed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. surpass\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. set a new record for the box office of the Spring Festival season\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. the total number of audience \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. the total number of screenings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. demonstrate Jia Ling's remarkable ability to attract audiences \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. through its overwhelmingly positive reception by viewers\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. achieve an impressive turnaround\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. top the box office on February 11th \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. consistently dominate the daily box office\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. gross over 300 million yuan for six consecutive days \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Section Four : Best Wishes for the Chinese Dragon Year

Step 7. Show pictures and ask:

Q11: What are the hottest greetings for the Chinese Dragon Year?

Step8: Ending

They represent best wishes for a new Chinese Dragon Year.

Wish you all a prosperous dragon year by working a bit harder!

Thank you!.