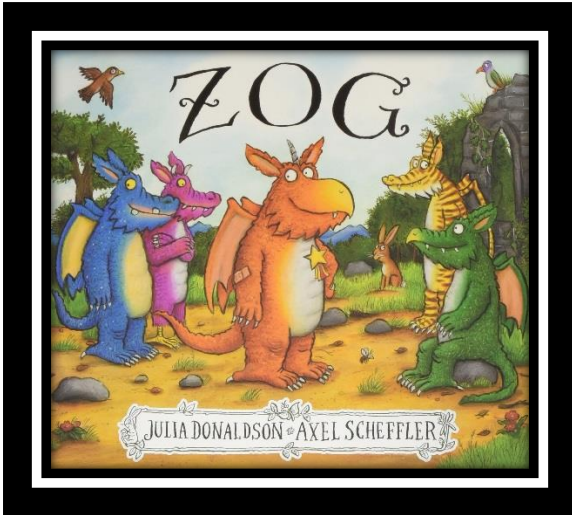


# Zog Activity

**\*\* supervise your child during the activity as it may contain small parts & Scissors \*\***

## ❖ Activity: Zog by Julia Donaldson



Get comfy snuggle up and share the story “Zog” with your child.

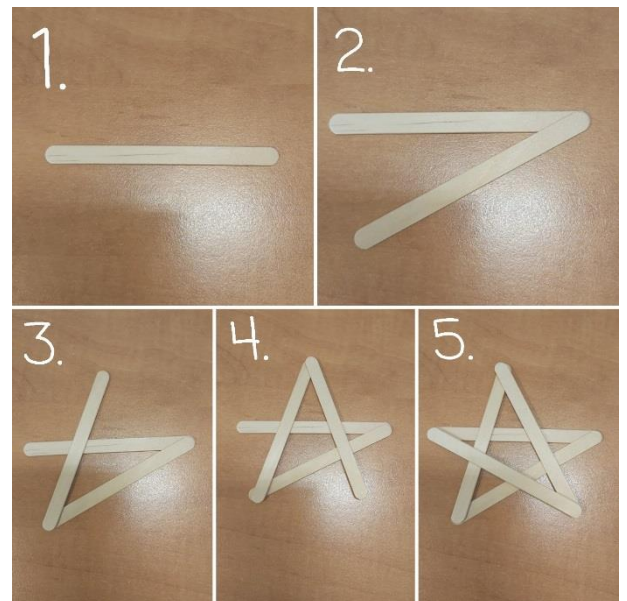
Zog is the biggest and keenest dragon at Dragon School who aims to be the best in his class and win a golden star. The story follows his attempts at learning to fly, roar and breathe fire, leading to a series of small injuries for which a kind princess provides bandages and plasters to help him. Along the way he meets a knight and realises that he wants to help people too!

## ❖ Activity: Making your own star

In the story, Zog really tried his best to get a gold star from his teacher Madam Dragon.

Use the resources provided to make your own gold star, just like Zog!

Using 5 of the craft sticks follow the steps shown form a star shape and glue it together, this can be a bit tricky so you may need to help your child with this part. Once your star is formed and stuck together allow them to decorate it. Once it dries you can use the ribbon to hang it up.



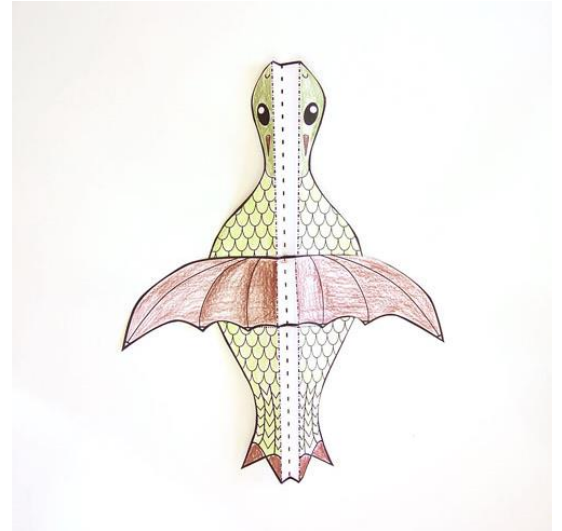
## ❖ Activity: Making your own flying dragon

Zog helped the princess and knight by becoming a flying ambulance. Use the template provided to make a dragon paper airplane. You will need to help your child with cutting the dragon out.

Once the dragon is cut out and coloured in, fold down the middle and then fold the sides down.

Cut the wings out and glue them on to the dragon.

Add a paper clip to the tip of the dragon.



The following link will show you a tutorial:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMthmZJplqE&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMthmZJplqE&feature=emb_logo)

Once your dragon is made, see how high and far it can fly. Who can make Zog fly the furthest? Mark off where Zog lands each time and see who is the winner.

Key vocabulary: fly, *fast*, *long*, *far*, *high*, *big*, *little*

## Dragons in Chinese culture

Chinese dragons are powerful and are symbols of kindness in Chinese culture.

Dragons are everywhere in China — in legends, festivals, astrology, art, names, and phrases.

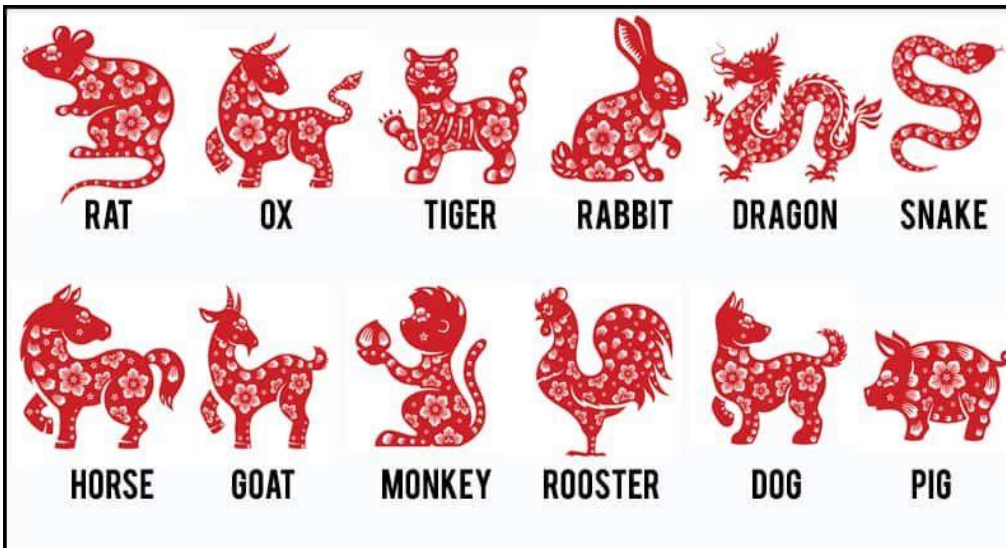
Dragons are seen as lucky and good — quite different to some of the evil, dangerous, fire-breathing dragons you might know from stories and films!



## Chinese New Year 2021

Chinese New Year is the most important festival in China – a literal translation is that it is the Spring Festival and the start of a new Zodiac year.

Houses are cleaned out for a fresh start and entrances to the home decorated with red decorations that signify “good fortune” or “happiness”, “wealth”, and “longevity”. As a general guide, Chinese New Year crafts are all about the auspicious colour Red, the colour of wealth Gold and Dragons – plus the 12 animals of the Zodiac.



This year we celebrate the  
year of the Ox.  
In Chinese culture, these  
symbolise wealth,  
prosperity, diligence, and  
perseverance

### ❖ Activity: Chinese new year story

CBeebies - Chinese New Year (Lunar New Year) - Zodiac Story

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVClAj8q\\_IY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVClAj8q_IY)

Follow the link to discover how the Chinese zodiac came to be.

### ❖ Activity: Chinese Zodiac Pairs Game

1. In your pack there are two cards of each animal.
2. Start by choosing 3 of the animals and place one of each animal in front of your child so they can see what is on the card.
3. Using the other set of cards show your child one of the three animals and see if they can find the card that matches.
4. Do this until you have all three animals in pair's.
5. If your child finds this easy, then make it harder by increasing the number of cards to 4 and so on.

### ❖ Activity: Chinese Zodiac Snap card game

Choose three pairs of animals to begin with (3 animals = 6 cards) and give them a quick shuffle so that the cards are mixed up. Begin by slowly turning a card over to see what animal appears. Slowly turn over another card, keep doing this and when someone turns up a card that matches a card already face up, the first person to notice the two matched cards calls out “**Snap!**” and wins the cards that are already placed down. To make it more exciting you can shout snap and put your hand



down on top of the cards. You can add more pairs to your deck once your child understands the concept of the game.

### ❖ **Extension activity: Chinese Zodiac Puppets**

Once you have finished playing the pairs game; use the craft sticks provided and glue one card onto each stick, so you have one of each animal. Now you can watch the Chinese New Year Zodiac Story again and use your own puppets to help tell the story.

### **Liverpool's China Town**

Liverpool is home to the oldest Chinese community in Europe, an important part of city life since the first Chinese immigrants arrived at the port in 1834.

The entrance of Liverpool's Chinatown is landmarked by a beautifully crafted traditional Chinese arch. It is to commemorate the twinning of the two cities - Shanghai and Liverpool. The structure was imported piece by piece from Shanghai, and then reconstructed by craftsmen from China. There are 200 dragons on the wooden and marble structure with a mixture of stunning gold, red, green and the Chinese Royal colour of yellow. The archway stands at 15m high, which makes it the largest Chinese Arch outside China.



The Arches are guarded by Foo Dogs which are placed to protect them from harmful spirits.

We highly recommend that when it is safe to do so, you and your families take a trip to China town to see Chinese arch and Kung Dogs for yourselves.

Until then, please use the links throughout this activity for a virtual experience of the Chinese New Year celebrations, and enjoy the activities we have provided.

### ❖ **Activity: Making a hóngbāo**

## 紅包, hóngbāo

As part of the Chinese New Year celebrations, red envelopes (hóngbāo) containing money are given to children, family members, friends and employees as a symbol of good luck. In Chinese culture, the colour red is associated with energy, happiness and good luck.

To make your own 紅包, hóngbāo at home, follow these simple steps...

1. Take the long rectangular strip of red paper provided.
2. Fold the card length ways almost in half, leaving a small lip (approx. 4cm) at the top.
3. Apply glue along the long edges of the paper to secure the sides of the envelope.
4. Decorate the envelope using a gold crayon glitter and pictures.
5. Place your gold coin inside the envelope.
6. Finally, fold over the lip to enclose the gold coin inside.



**Recycle: When the gold chocolate coins are eaten, make sure to keep the gold wrapper as they will make great dragon's eyes for your next activity!**



## The Dragon Dance

The dragon dance is often performed during Chinese New Year. Chinese dragons are a symbol of China's culture, and they are believed to bring good luck to people, therefore the longer the dragon is in the dance, the more luck it will bring to the community.

### ❖ Activity: CBeebies: Celebrating Chinese New Year - Let's Celebrate

Follow this link to have a virtual experience of Chinese New Year celebrations and dragon dance.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cRMRp9-Z08>



### ❖ Activity: Make your own dragon puppet



Using the paper bag, support your child in using the resources available to create and decorate a dragon head puppet of their own.

The bottom part of the bag which is folded over in a rectangle shape on one side of the bag will be the face of the dragon.

Remember to use the chocolate coin wrappers from earlier!



### ❖ Activity: Make a Chinese New Year card

Using the piece of folded red card allow your child to decorate it using the various Chinese symbols and other craft resources. You could give this card to a friend or display it in your home.



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