

Chinese New Year – Pig



Wishing you all prosperity and happiness in this Pig year!

This pack is full of ideas for oriental themed fun to get you celebrating Chinese New Year and learning about the qualities of the Pig.

For even more programme ideas check out our 'CNY Pig' board over on www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily

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Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



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Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

Every activity helps you share skills for life and is linked to one of our pawesome embroidered badges. Build your collection and celebrate adventures, new skills and knowledge gained.

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Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

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Enjoy Pawprint Tales alongside your Pawprint Trails or as a standalone adventure!

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Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

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HOW TO: Use Your Challenge Pack

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This Challenge Pack has been divided into 4 sections: Craft, Food, Games and Other. In order to help you provide a balanced and varied programme for your young adventurers we recommend that the following number of activities are completed by each age group:

Age 3 - 5	  						Craft	Food	Games	Other	PICK
Age 5 - 7	   										
Age 7 - 11	   	+									
Age 11 - 14	   	+	 								
Age 14 - 18	   	+	  								
Age 18+	   	+	   								

Leaders, Teachers & Parents

Award yourselves a badge for supporting your young adventurers in their activities!

TOP TIPS

-  Adapt activities as necessary to meet your needs.
-  Add your own activity ideas or develop them into projects.
-  Use what you have; don't buy in lots of new materials/equipment.
-  No need to send us evidence, responsible grown-ups decide when the badge has been earned.
-  One challenge badge can take as long as you like; from a few hours to days or even a full term!

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Craft

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猪 Make a bunch of paper hydrangeas.

Why?

These are the lucky flowers for people born in the year of the Pig. The hydrangea is a symbol expressing love, gratitude and enlightenment.

猪 People born in the year of the pig are known to be generous. Make some kindness coupons and give them to others.

猪 Have a go at making a pig sculpture using one of the elements.

What?

There are five elements in the Chinese zodiac: earth, metal, water, wood and fire. Depending on which year you were born in depends which element you belong to.

猪 Make a pig sculpture using clay, metal (recycled cans or old nuts and bolts), ice (have a go at ice carving), wood or build a sculptural bonfire. Alternatively you could try welding for the fire element. Remember to wear appropriate safety clothing and follow instructions carefully.

猪 Traditionally pig hair has been used to make paintbrushes. Paint a picture to bring you luck for the year.

猪 Pigs represent fortune. Make a traditional money envelope.

For Leaders...

Get your young people making their lucky money envelopes and before they go home fill each one with a silver coin...even a chocolate one!

猪 Decorate a paper fan using yellow, grey, brown and gold (these are lucky colours for the year of the pig).

猪 Have a go at Chinese calligraphy and learn to write your name.

猪 Craft your own fortune cookies using paper.

猪 Try your hand at origami and make a paper pig.

猪 Make your own Chinese paper lanterns.

猪 Pigs are thought to like sleeping. Make a hanger for your bedroom door to keep the peace while you snooze...shhh! I'm sleeping!



Food

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- 猪 Wrap up and cook your own pigs in blankets, a.k.a. sausages wrapped in bacon!
 - 猪 Pig is the most consumed animal making up 40% of the world's animal protein. Make a dish using pork. Alternatively, find out about substitutes to animal proteins and cook a dish using them.
 - 猪 Make your own marshmallow pigs and let them bathe in mud pools made from chocolate.
 - 猪 Pigs are known to eat leftovers. Test yourself and make a dish using only leftover food.
 - 猪 Yellow is a lucky colour for the year of the pig. Make something using yellow foods such as peppers, lemons or sweetcorn.
 - 猪 Pigs are social animals often living in groups of around 8 individuals. Organise a dinner party for friends. Why not make a stir-fry and spring rolls and turn it in to a Chinese banquet?
- For Leaders...

This is a great opportunity for a fund-raiser. Get together with a local restaurant and sell tickets for an evening. You fill the restaurant and they split the profits with you.
- 猪 Learn where marshmallow comes from, particularly gelatin then have a go at making your own marshmallows.
 - 猪 Pigs sense of smell is thought to be 2000 times more sensitive than humans. Can you identify different foods just by their smell?
 - 猪 Try truffle/truffle oil. Pigs are used to hunt truffle; a type of fungus that is hard to find and tough to grow. Black truffle from France and white truffles from Italy are the two most highly valued.
 - 猪 "Bringing home the bacon" comes from a 12th Century English church who offered a side of bacon to any man who swore not to have argued with his wife for a year. Bring home the bacon and make some bacon sandwiches for a local church fete.
 - 猪 Have a go at baking your own fortune cookies, either write your own fortunes to give to a friend or print some off from the internet. They can also be used to help divide the group into teams by adding different coloured papers to them!



Games

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猪 Play 2 truths and a lie. See if people can guess which is which!

Why?

Those born in the year of the pig are known for their honesty so put your honesty to the test in this game!

猪 Play the game 'Feel Good Flip Dots' using the resource from our website.

猪 Pigs can hit speeds up to 17kmph and in the wild up to 50kmph but run in a zig-zag! How fast can you run through a zig-zag of cones?

How?

Set up cones spaced a few paces apart. Time yourselves to see how fast you can make it through. Feeling clever or want to take it further? Work out how fast you were in kilometres per hour! How did you compare to pigs?

猪 Pigs have very poor eyesight. Have a go at a nightline or complete an obstacle course blindfolded.

猪 Alexander the Great used pigs to defeat the Indian King in 326BC. The Indian elephants were scared by the squealing pigs. Play a game of Pigs vs. Elephants.

How?

Much like 'British Bulldog' or 'Tag' a small group of pigs must chase the Elephants and try to tag as many as possible in a given time.

猪 Pigs have a very long memory. Test yourself with a memory game. Researchers in Vienna demonstrated the piglets who observed their mother or aunt performing a task could perform the same task using memories of what they had observed!

猪 Play a game of 'Sleeping Pigs' ('Sleeping Lions' to you and me!).

猪 Pigs squeals can reach up to 130 decibels. See how quiet you can be with a game of Chinese Whispers.

猪 Pigs are one of the smartest animals and are thought to be more intelligent than 3 year old children and primates! Test your intelligence with a range of puzzles, quizzes and clues.

猪 Test your aim and throw balls into 'pitcher plants'.



Other

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- 猪 Grow your own Marguerite flowers - the lucky flowers of those born in the Year of the Pig.
- 猪 People born in the Year of the Pig are thought to be considerate. Think of others and do a good turn each day of the week between your meetings. Record what you did and who you helped and share this information with others to inspire them.
- 猪 Pigs are generous and considerate. Donate toys/games to a local charity shop.

Here's an idea?

You could have a toy swap and bring toys you no longer want and swap them for ones you do brought by others or you could buy something new and donate it to a children's charity.

- 猪 Do a Random Act of Kindness for someone you don't know. It could be as small as smiling at someone you don't know or buying a hot drink for a homeless person.
 - 猪 Pig squeals can reach up to 130 Decibels (Db) and a jet engine can reach 120Db. How loud can you be?
- For Leaders...
- A great activity when the group is giddy and loud...put all that energy to good use! Download a sound meter app for your phone and measure how loud your young people really can be.
- 猪 March 1st is National Pig Day - celebrate and mark the day with some of your Year of the Pig activities! Share what you get up to on social media and tag us @PawprintFamily.
 - 猪 Watch a film with a pig character in it.
 - 猪 Find out which religion doesn't eat pork and why.
 - 猪 Complete a muddy obstacle course...we all know there's nothing happier than a pig in muck!
 - 猪 Pigs are known to like massages (by rubbing themselves on trees) and respond to relaxing music. Hold your own relaxing pamper night. Why not invite a local beautician to teach you how to massage?

Adventure Complete?

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