

# Chinese New Year – Snake



**Wishing you all prosperity and happiness in this Snake 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 Snake.

For even more programme ideas check out our 'CNY Snake' board over on  
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# Meet the FAMILY

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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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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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!

## PAWPRINT TALES

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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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# Craft

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- 蛇 Construct your own pipe cleaner and bead snakes that you can bend and wind in any direction. Find out how to make these slippery serpents by heading across to our 'Chinese New Year Snake' board on Pinterest.
- 蛇 Create a snake sock puppet using craft materials of your choice. Why not try and sew the snake's features on and improve your sewing skills?
- 蛇 Make a picture using only black, red and yellow. These three colours are supposedly the lucky colours of the Chinese New Year Snake.
- 蛇 The snake is said to be mysterious by nature in Chinese mythology. Create a mystery box for a friend or family member that contains a surprise that they'll enjoy. Why not use an old recycled cardboard box to make your mystery box? That way you can decorate it to look mysterious too.
- 蛇 Try making a crocheted or finger-knitted snake.
- 蛇 Create a paper chain snake with paper or card strips. Link all of your paper strips together/through each other as you glue them. Don't forget to add a head to the front of your paper chain snake!

## An extra challenge...

Have you got what it takes to make a ssssuper long snake? Try and make a paper chain snake that can go all the way around the edge of your room when placed right into all four corners.

- 蛇 Make playdough snakes. Why not colour your playdough a bright green and use a bead to print a pattern into the top of each playdough snake to make them look more realistic?
- 蛇 Learn how to blow up and tie a long balloon into a snake using tutorials and videos online.
- 蛇 Make an accordion paper snake. Check it out on our 'Chinese New Year Snake' board on Pinterest.
- 蛇 Have a go at creating a snake pop up card. Why not gift your card to someone who was born in the Year of the Snake?
- 蛇 Sew a snake finger puppet.
- 蛇 Create your own Chinese New Year Snake mask using craft materials of your choice. Don't forget to attach string to your mask so that you can tie it around your head.





# Food

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- 蛇 Make a batch of cupcakes and pipe serpents onto the top of each cake with green buttercream. Finish off with two chocolate chips for eyes and part of a red strawberry lace for a mouth.
- 蛇 Enjoy a good old-fashioned jelly snake. Go for the small sugared jelly snakes or the super long rainbow snakes! Why not try to make your own using a jelly snake mould?
- 蛇 Hold a Chinese New Year Snake themed buffet! Why not make some of the tasssssty snake snacks suggested in this challenge pack and invite your friends and family? You could even put together a bunch of rolls/baps filled with your favourite fillings and arrange them into a snake shape as your centre piece!
- 蛇 Use up old pasta that's been stashed in the back of cupboard and make some pasta snakes.

## How?

Simply thread your pasta tubes onto a piece of string or a pipe cleaner, tie a knot at the end so that they don't fall off and attach a paper snake head onto the other end. Attach together with glue and decorate or paint however you wish.

- 蛇 Bake some snake breadsticks and cover in green food colouring. Why not stick a small carrot slice into each snake's mouth to make a tongue, and push two poppy seeds into the head of each snake to make a pair of beady eyes?
- 蛇 Make a dish using only yellow, red or black ingredients. How about black bean stuffed peppers? Or an apple and black currant pie with yellow pastry?
- 蛇 Construct a banana and strawberry fruit snake by cutting your fruit into slices and lining them up on their edge next to each other. You could use a whole strawberry for the snake's head! Don't like strawberries or bananas? Slice up any fruit of your choice to make the snake's body or make this snack with veggie slices instead, like cucumber and tomato slices.
- 蛇 Bake a batch of salt dough snakes and paint them with vibrant colours and patterns.
- 蛇 Have a go at baking some snake shortbread biscuits. Find a recipe that allows you to pipe out the shortbread mixture (or any other biscuit mixture) and pipe it out in swirly/curly patterns to look like snakes.
- 蛇 Discover more about where the snake fits into the food chain. What does their diet consist of? Are they the prey of any larger predators?



# Games

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蛇 Start a snake conga that snakes in and out and all around! How many people can you get to join your snake?

蛇 Some people believe the lucky flower of the Chinese New Year Snake is an orchid. Visit a local garden centre and make it a competition to see who can spot an orchid first!

蛇 Play snakes in the grass.

How?

A large area is set out with cushions or rugs dotted around the room – these are 'den'. There are two teams, the 'snakes' and the 'humans'. The 'snakes' are only allowed to travel on their hands and knees, crawling. The snakes must crawl around the room trying to tag the humans. They are not allowed on 'den'. The 'humans' must run from den to den, trying not to be tagged by a snake. Humans are only allowed to stay on a cushion/rug for 10 seconds before needing to move to a different den. The aim of the game is to not get tagged by a snake and be the last player standing! If you're tagged, you become a snake...

蛇 Make up your own game with the lucky numbers of the snake: 2, 8 and 9.

蛇 Play 'Snake'. Originally played on a Nokia phone, players must use the arrow keys to direct the snake around the screen and collect food, which of course makes the snake longer. Too young to know this classic retro game? Head to [playsnake.org/](https://playsnake.org/) to play an online version instead.

蛇 Enjoy a game of snakes and ladders. Download our free, printable 'Snakes and Ladders' resource from our website.

蛇 Wrap a friend or family member up as quick as you can using a bundle of scarves tied together in a long snake-like line. Make things more competitive by going head to head in a boa constrictor race against a partner to see who can wrap their friend the fastest!

Why?

Boa Constrictors kill their prey by coiling their body around the animal and squeezing it tightly. We don't recommend wrapping your partner up too tightly though!

蛇 Download our free 'The Words of a snake' resource from our website for a slippery word challenge.

蛇 Put together a lucky dip game where you win a prize if you pull out one of the Chinese New Year Snake's lucky numbers? For example, pulling out a 2 wins you a lollipop, but pulling out a 9 wins you a cupcake!



# Other

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- 蛇 The King Cobra is said to be the world's longest venomous snake. Discover more about venomous snakes - where they originate from, how to identify them, how they use their venom and what to do if you're ever bitten by one!
- 蛇 Watch a film featuring a snake. How about Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets? Don't worry, there are no snakes hiding in your bathroom!
- 蛇 On the theme of snake films - think of as many films or books as you can that feature a snake. We've given you one already...
- 蛇 Be sssssuper brave and hold a snake at your local zoo!
- 蛇 Take a trip to a local reptile house to marvel at the fantastic slithering beasts. Why not ask one of the zoo keepers how they care for the snakes they have on site?
- 蛇 Discover which types of snakes you might find in your country, county or local area and what to do if you see one.
- 蛇 Find out how to make snake bubbles.
- 蛇 Discover more about the ancient practise of snake charming. Do they really hypnotise the snake or is it an illusion?
- 蛇 Design an environment or habit fit for a snake. Do they need shelter? What about access to water?
- 蛇 Think of as many different ways to describe a snake as you can. Bonus Pawprint points if your adjectives begin with a 'sssss'.
- 蛇 Discover more about sea snakes. Do they have features that are completely different or very similar to land snakes?
- 蛇 Draw a snake from a photo or in real life.
- 蛇 Snakes shed their skin because they outgrow them. Getting rid off the old skin allows for a more comfy, roomier skin for the growing snake! Shedding also allows them to remove harmful parasites. Find out which other animals can shed their skin and why they do this.
- 蛇 Make up your own snake language with a friend or family member.
- 蛇 Discover the history of the Chinese New Year Snake and find out how well the snake did in the Jade Emperor's race according to mythology.

## Adventure Complete?

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