



A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



What is new year?

- New Year's Day is the first day of the new year. It is celebrated as a holiday in almost every country in the world.
- It is a time of fun, sharing with friends, remembering the past, and hoping for good things in the future.



When did it all start?

- In England, priests started to celebrate their New Years on March 10.
- They gave branches of mistletoe to people for charms.
- Later, English people followed the custom of cleaning their chimneys on New Year's Day as they believed this brought good luck to the household for the coming year.
- The expression "cleaning the slate" came from this custom. It means making resolutions to correct faults and bad habits.





- People resolve to make themselves better in the New Year.
- It is still custom today to make a list of resolutions.
- Have you made any New Year's resolutions?



New Year Around the World

- New year is celebrated all over the world although not necessarily at the same time as here in the UK.
- The Chinese, Egyptian, Roman and Jewish years all have different start dates.
- The Chinese New Year even starts at a different time every year!



“Happy New Year”

- China "Gung Hay Fat Choy "
- Denmark "Godt Nytår"
- France "Bonne Année"
- Germany "Gutes Neues Jahr“
- Hawaii "Hauoli Makahiki Hou“
- Ireland "Aith-bhliain fé mhaise dhuit”
- Israel “Shana Tova“
- Italy "Buon Capo d'Auno“
- Japan "Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu“
- Netherlands "Gelukkig Nieuwjaar"
- Norway "Godt Nytt År"



New Years Resolutions

- We are going to have a go at writing some of our own New Year's resolutions.
- Is there anything that you would like to do better this year?
- Is there anything that you may like to give up?
- Could you be more helpful in any way?



Here are some examples...

- I will try to work harder at school.
- I will eat more vegetables and less sweets.
- I will do some more exercise.
- I will try to keep my bedroom tidy.
- I will stop biting my fingernails.
- I will smile more.
- I will always get my work finished on time.
- I will be kinder to my brother/sister.