

Chinese New Year Family Festive Fun

Reading Fun

What is the story of the 12 Chinese Zodiac?

The story starts with the Jade Emperor, who was in charge of the celestial kingdom. He wanted to select 12 animals to be his guards, so he organised a race.

The Rat is a quick-witted little fellow. He hopped on the back of the strong Ox, and jumped off just as they reached the finish line. The **Rat** won the race and claimed the first year for itself. Next up was the hardworking **Ox**, followed by the brave **Tiger**.

After that, the kind-hearted **Rabbit** hopped into the fourth spot. Then, the mighty **Dragon** soared into fifth place, and the smart **Snake** slithered into sixth place.

After the Snake, the cheerful **Horse** trotted in, followed by the gentle **Goat**. The clever **Monkey** swung in as the ninth animal, while the proud **Rooster** strutted into the tenth spot. The loyal **Dog** claimed the eleventh year, and finally, the twelfth year belonged to the **Pig**.

And that's how the Chinese Zodiac animals got their order! People believe that the animal of the year you were born in can tell a lot about your personality. Each year brings a new adventure, with the animals taking turns bringing their special qualities to make the years exciting and different.



Parent's tip: Why isn't the cat one of the 12 Chinese zodiac animals? Check out our blog to find out more!



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Storytelling Fun

How to Tell an Exciting Story?

Gather the whole family to act out the Chinese Zodiac story as the narrator tells the story. Let your little ones explore movement as they mimic the playful characters!

Acting out the animals involves physical movement, enhancing **spatial awareness** in children. Whether they move around or arrange themselves in a specific order, this activity contributes to their spatial understanding—a crucial aspect of **early mathematical reasoning**.



Parent's Tip: Join in the fun! Get everyone in the house moving and dancing together to hype up the vibe.



Counting Fun

Which Place Do the Animals Finish In?

Explore counting skills and numeracy by using ordinal numbers to describe the order of the animals.

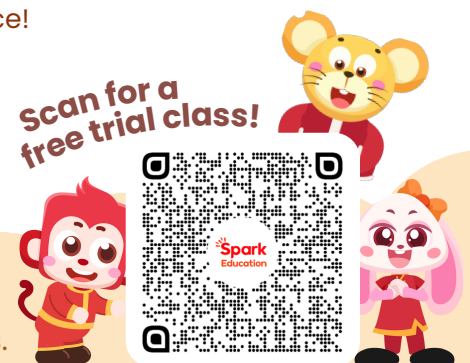
The use of words like "first," "second," "third," etc., introduces children to **essential numerical vocabulary**. Exposure to this language during the storytime adventure supports **mathematical literacy**, preparing young learners for future mathematical concepts in an engaging and enjoyable manner.



Parent Tip: Ask your child to find everyday items around the house and put them in order using ordinal numbers for extra practice!

Success Beyond Just Math

Nurture problem-solving and critical thinking skills for lifelong success.





Sequencing Fun

How to rank the Zodiac Animals?

Challenge your kids to arrange the Chinese Zodiac animals in the order they appear using the printable emojis below.



This simple hands-on activity reinforces their sense of **sequencing** and **numerical order**, building a foundation for basic math concepts in a fun and interactive way.



Parent's Tip: Ask your child if they agree with the sequence of animals and support their answer with a reason. You'll be amazed by your child's creativity and unique perspective on the topic.

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