



52 Things to Support your Child's

Speech and Language Skills.

Chinese New Year.....Animal Magic!

This week is Chinese New Year. This activity is based on a story about an animal race. Watch the video of the story with your child on:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=youtube+chones+new+year+animal+race+story&view=detail&mid=23BD266F617176B0C9BD23BD266F617176B0C9BD&FORM=VIRE>

Support your child to recall the story. Which animals can they recall after watching the video? Sort the animals by different criteria, such as number of legs, have wings, live on a farm, we see it in a zoo etc.

Make it easier:

- Choose an animal picture and play *Musical animals*. Play the music and have fun with your child moving like that animal. When the music stops, you both stop and freeze! Take it in turns to choose the next animal. How does that animal move? Encourage your child to talk about each animal.

Make it harder:

- Talk about each animal, for example, the dragon. What can your child tell you about a dragon? What do they know about a dragon? Examples include; it breathes fire, it has sharp teeth and it flies. Repeat with different animals.
- Guess who? Describe one animal to your child. Can they identify the correct animal? Remember to swap over so your child gives you the clues and you guess the animal they are describing.





dog



dragon



horse



monkey



ox



pig



rabbit



rat



rooster



sheep



snake



tiger