

## Year 2 English Homework: Due on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

Part 1 – Must: We have been exploring and using similes in our writing this half term. I have been really impressed with some of the amazing pieces of writing I have seen which have included super similes!

For your first task, please complete the similes below by adding your own word to make a comparison. If you are unsure with what a simile is, please look at the example on this page to guide you through this task.

## Similes



A simile is a phrase or sentence which **compares** an object or person with something else, to make a description more relatable to the reader. Key words to use are **like** and **as**.



### Example:

The corridor was as dark as night.

1. The runner was as quick as \_\_\_\_\_
2. The boy was as slow as \_\_\_\_\_
3. The food was as hot as \_\_\_\_\_
4. The screaming baby was as loud as \_\_\_\_\_
5. The athlete was as strong as \_\_\_\_\_
6. The Egg Box Dragon was as clever as \_\_\_\_\_
7. The grass was as green as \_\_\_\_\_
8. The building was as tall as \_\_\_\_\_
9. The sky was as blue as \_\_\_\_\_
10. The ketchup was as red as \_\_\_\_\_

## What Is Chinese New Year?

Chinese New Year is also known as Lunar New Year or the Spring Festival. It is celebrated in many countries around the world.

Chinese New Year is at the start of the lunar year. The lunar year follows the phases of the Moon so the date of the festival changes each year. It is always in late January or in February.

## How Is Chinese New Year Celebrated?

Chinese New Year is celebrated in lots of different ways.



- Many people spring clean their homes before the festival begins.
- Families get together to celebrate, give gifts and eat a meal of special food.
- Red is an important colour as it stands for luck, joy and happiness. It is used for decorations and some people wear red clothes.
- Money is often given to children and other family members in red envelopes.
- Lion and dragon dances often take place as part of street parades. They move and dance to loud music made by drums and cymbals.
- Fireworks and firecrackers are an important part of the celebrations each year.
- The last event of Chinese New Year is called the Lantern Festival. People might hang lanterns as decorations or carry them in a parade.



### Did You Know...?

The phases of the Moon are the shapes of the Moon that we can see from Earth. A new Moon is difficult to see until it becomes a thin crescent Moon shape.



Each Chinese New Year is named after a different animal. There are 12 animals in the Chinese calendar and they appear in a special order.

Part 2 – **Should:** We will be exploring Chinese New Year in class soon. For this task, please read the text below and answer the questions. If you need more space to write your answers, please use your book.

1. When is Chinese New Year? Tick one.

- February or March
- March or April
- January or February
- December or January

2. Draw **three** lines and make each fact correct.

Chinese New Year is at the start of...

• an animal.

Each Chinese New Year is named after...

• the Lantern Festival.

The last event of Chinese New Year is called...

• the lunar year.

3. Number the sentences from 1-4 to show the order in which they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

- Many people spring clean their homes before the festival begins.
- 1** Chinese New Year is celebrated in many countries around the world.
- Fireworks and firecrackers are an important part of the celebrations each year.
- There are 12 animals in the Chinese calendar.

4. Fill in the missing word.

The lunar year follows the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Moon so the date of the festival changes each year.

5. Why is red an important colour?

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This is an optional task. Please use the outline below or create your own.

# Hounslow SLS Competition 2026 – Library Poster

## **Your challenge:**

- Create a poster displaying no more than 5 rules for looking after books in a school library, such as putting the books on the shelf the right way round.
- The poster can be A4 or A3 in size and designed on the computer or by hand.
- Make your poster eye-catching!
- The closing date is **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

So ... start designing your poster now to be in with a chance of winning!



Part 3 – **Spellings** Please learn the spellings below. As you did last year, please complete the practice sheet below and write sentences for the **two words in green**. Each Spelling Test will take place every Thursday morning, so ensure your child knows the spellings below.

## Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check!

Year 2 Spellings

– Common Exception Words from the Y2 list

	look 	say 	cover	write	check 
could					
should					
would					
whole					
busy					
money					

Please learn to spell these words using **look – say – cover- write – check**.

Write the word in each column as you do each part. Practise as regularly as you can.

## Spelling Sentences:

1. The man needed \_ \_ \_ \_ to buy his shopping.
2. The bus was very \_ \_ \_ \_ today.
3. “\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ you be talking in assembly?” asked the teacher.
4. “\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ you like an ice cream?” asked the mother to her child.
5. When I was four, I \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ swim.
6. I was so hungry, I ate the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ pizza!