

# The Year of the Ox

Chinese New Year is often called the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. Each year of the Chinese calendar is based on the Moon's phases rather than the movement of the Sun. As a result, Chinese New Year falls on a different date each year.

## The History of the Chinese Horoscope

According to Chinese culture, each year is represented by one of 12 animals. This tradition is thousands of years old and is said to have begun with a story. Given its age, many versions of the story exist. One version has the Jade Emperor as the main character and another has Buddha but all versions of the story are very similar and all name the same 12 animals. One version of the story tells that Buddha called out to all of the animals on Earth and asked them to come and see him one day yet only 12 animals answered Buddha's call. To thank them for their loyalty, Buddha gave each one of these animals their own year in the Chinese zodiac cycle.

The Year of the Ox begins on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021. It is the 4719<sup>th</sup> year of the Chinese calendar and it will run until 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 when the Year of the Tiger begins. Once the Year of the Tiger begins, the next Year of the Ox will not begin again until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2033.

**You were born in the Year of the Ox if you were born in:**

1961

1973

1985

1997

2009



## Traits of the Ox

People born in the different years of the Chinese zodiac cycle are believed to have particular traits and qualities. These characteristics are said to reflect those of the animal that the year is named after.

In Chinese culture, the ox is believed to be hard-working and loyal; they can be relied upon and



they contribute greatly to society. Just like the real-life creature, people born in this year are also said to be dependable. Many people believe that individuals born in the Year of the Ox are determined people who believe in the importance of hard work as the key to success.

### Tireless Workers

People born in the Year of the Ox are believed to do well in jobs that require working alone and those which have a clear routine. They are said to prefer jobs that require a specialist skill. It is believed that other people enjoy working with individuals who were born in the Year of the Ox. This is because they are said to work well independently and they can be relied upon to see every job through to the end.

Popular careers for people born in the Year of the Ox are said to be jobs which require a specific set of skills and a keen eye for detail, such as a lawyer, a carpenter, a banker or an army officer.

### Fortunes for 2021

According to Chinese horoscopes, people born in the Year of the Ox may feel like their hard work and determination will pay off in 2021. They are advised to:

- try their best to complete tasks;
- work hard;
- try to keep in good health;
- call on friends for support during busy times.

#### Famous people born in the Year of the Ox:

Malala  
Yousafzai

Malcolm X

Diana, Princess of Wales

Barack  
Obama

