

New Year... New Beginning

The New Year is a great opportunity to reflect on what you have achieved last year and what you might like to try and achieve this year.

Choose one or two of the following activities to help you reflect on the past year and help you look forward to the year 2021.

Discuss: Think about New Year's resolutions with your family. Discuss why people might make New Year's resolutions? Should they be easy to stick to? Does the resolution have to last a whole year? Or just a month? What would make a good resolution? How will you know if your resolution was successful?

Make a time capsule: Draw a picture of yourself and then write about your favourite book / song / film / sport. Place the picture in a cardboard tube or empty bottle. Keep it in a safe place and re open it this time next year.

Write a letter: Write a letter or message for the next class to read when they arrive in Year 5. You could talk about classroom rules and expectations and how you would advise the children to get the most out of their time in Year 5. You could discuss what challenges they may face and how they could overcome them (using your own experience).

Make a poster: Design a poster to explain how different countries may celebrate the New Year. Does everyone celebrate the New Year at the same time? Are there any particular traditions that take place across the world? Make your posters as colourful and creative as you can. Think about spelling and handwriting. These could be put up on display in your classrooms.

Research: Can you find out about any unusual or interesting resolutions that have been made this year. Create a fact file with as many interesting and unusual examples as you can find (the weirder, the better!). Perhaps your favourite celebrity has made a resolution this year?

Which resolution should you pick this year? Have a go at this quiz by clicking the link.

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