

## Mandarin for January:

We talked about Traveling Around the World with different Transportation, learned a new song about Transportation, watched a short video of Chinese New Year parade, and we also read a book about Chinese New Year.

Transportation: Car(jiao che), Bus(qi che), Airplane(fei ji), Bicycle(zi xing che),  
Taxi(chu zu che), Boat(lun chuan), Train(huo che), Truck(ka che)

Book:

*Chinese New Year's Dragon* by RACHEL SING; illustrated by SHAO WEI LIU. This book introduces traditional ways of celebrating Chinese Lunar New Year.

Chinese Culture:

Chinese New Year, also called Spring Festival, Lunar New Year, is the biggest festival in China. It celebrates the end of a Chinese Lunar year and beginning a new year. It is the first day of a Chinese Lunar Calendar. It is usually a day between late January and early February. This year it is on Saturday, 1/28th. People from different areas celebrate it in various ways, such as making dumplings, cooking delicious food, playing fireworks, visiting family and friends, giving gifts and red envelopes, etc. This coming Chinese year will be the year of the Rooster.

Song link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Cc0RD9xiVs>

Chinese New Year parade link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7ul2b2nx-g>