

# The Lantern Festival



**Chinese  
Dragons**



**Dragons in Chinese culture, unlike the Western dragons, are not depicted as enemies to be defeated. They are wise and welcoming and a sign that good things will happen.**





## **Distinctive features of Dragons**

- Since the Dragon is a creature from Chinese mythology and not a real animal, it adopts characteristics from several animals.

In Chinese culture the dragon has:

- the **body** of a **serpent**
- the **claws** of an **eagle**
- the **legs** of a **tiger**
- the **whiskers** of a **catfish**
- the **antlers** of a **deer**
- the **scales** of a **fish**













**Chinese Dragons are symbols of wealth, wisdom, power and nobility. It was the symbol of the Emperor in ancient China.**













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