

A night sky filled with golden fireworks and falling stars. The fireworks are in various stages of explosion, with some showing long, thin trails and others as dense clusters of light. The background is a dark, deep blue, dotted with numerous small, bright golden stars that appear to be falling from the top of the frame.

# NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

# WHY DO WE CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR?

- The New Year is symbolic of celebrations, resolutions and motivations.
- It is widely believed that the emotions we experience on the New Year will have a great impact on the days that are to follow. Therefore, the year's first day is always celebrated with much enthusiasm by everyone.
- On New Year's Day, we make resolutions for ourselves that enable us to become more serious about our life goals. On this day, we plan to take actions that can improve our life. However, most of us abandon our efforts to achieve our goals within the first month. So, would it not be better to make promises to ourselves when we are ready to fulfil them, no matter what day it is?





# HOW DID THE NEW YEARS CONCEPT ORIGINATE?

- The New Year's concept stems from an ancient Roman custom, the feast of the Roman god Janus.
- Janus was the god of time, gates, frames, duality, endings, transitions, doorways, passages and beginnings. He was depicted as having two opposite faces- one face looked back into the past, and the other peered forward into the future.
- January was named after Janus and first January was chosen as the New year because on this day, like Janus, we can look back at the past year and look forward to the new year. Also, to celebrate the new year, the Romans made promises to lord Janus and this ancient custom has led to the tradition of making New Year's resolutions.
- Today, although many do celebrate New Year's Day on first January, some cultures and religions celebrate on different days.

# WHEN IS THE NEW YEAR CELEBRATED?

In India, each religious group has its own date to bring in the new year.

In China, people celebrate the Lunar new year which does not have a specific date.

Universally, the new year begins on First January.

In Thailand, the Buddhists celebrate the Songkran which takes place in April.

In Israel, the Jewish celebrate the new year during Rosh Hashanah.



# THE NEW YEAR AROUND THE GLOBE





# NEW YEAR EVE TRADITIONS

ARGENTINA

THROWING PAPER

DENMARK

SMASHING PLATES

SPAIN

GOBBLING GRAPES

ROMANIA

TALKING TO ANIMALS



# ASSIGNMENT

- What were you grateful for in 2021?
- Your submission can be in the form of any song, poem, drawing, paragraph etc. that you have created and wish to share with the rest of us.
- Submit your work by Tuesday evening.

