

The year of the Dragon

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Every year the Chinese people celebrate the Chinese New Year the main attraction is the dragons. You see dragon kites and some people under dragons. I went to the parade and gathered this info by talking to Chinese people and looking myself.

The Chinese people consider themselves children of the dragons.

The dragons have one type of magic and the magic they have is nature. Some dragons control the rain others control the wind. The dragon king is the most powerful of them all. He has all the other dragons' power. According to the zodiac calendar if you were born in the years of the dragon you will be energetic, healthy, and powerful.

What I learn by talking with some Chinese people is that the Chinese dragon only lays an egg and that they don't put the egg in a nest they carry it in their chin. What I also learn is that there is also an oriental dragon that lays nine eggs and that they don't carry them in their chin like the Chinese dragons they lay them in a riverbank or a bank of a lake. But in both type of dragons the eggs are very hard and they are like stone the eggs need many months to hatch. The egg looks white as a pearl, and then when they are sit on they turn golden, or reddish-gold.

I also learn that the Chinese dragons are not the only ones that have magic the oriental dragons do too they have control over water, and air. They also have the power of fog, and it can make rain clouds, thunderstorms, and hurricanes. The Chinese and the oriental dragons both have power over sky, water, and air.



This are pictures of a oriental and Chinese dragons a picture

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And I also learn that the yellow, Collin, and the spiritual dragon have very important jobs. The Spiritual dragon brings wind and rain to the region. The Collin and the yellow dragon live in the water to bring water to the regions. I also learn that the dragon king looks like is in charge of the four seas the north, east, south, and west. What I heard some Chinese people telling a woman was that the Chinese dragon after growing for 2000 years it grows horns. These horns can be highly powerful and can make rain or storms.

When I was at the parade I notice that the people left offerings to dragons I ask a man that was passing by and

he said that many people in China leave offerings to the dragons so that the dragons wont get mad and give us good weather. The man also mentions that the weather was affected by the birth of a baby dragon.

So as you can see the dragons are very important to the Chinese culture and what the people in china believe.