Dragons in the City Wishing Tree

The Chinese New Year tradition of the 'Wishing Tree' began hundreds of years ago in Hong Kong. People would travel to the ancient banyan trees to make a wish.

Today, people still write wishes on red paper during Chinese New Year. They then attach these wishes to oranges using colourful ribbon. People throw their oranges into a tree. If they hang to a branch and get stuck in the tree, it is believed that the wish will come true.

Instructions

- 1. If possible, copy the writing frame sheets onto red paper.
- 2. Provide the children with a writing frame to write their wish on.
- 3. Ask the children to then cut out a picture of an orange.
- 4. Help the children to tie their wishes and oranges to a length of colourful ribbon.
- 5. Ask the children to throw their wishes into either a real tree in the school grounds or display them on a 'tree' set up in the classroom.











