## **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.









