

Chinese New Year 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 their wishes.

People write a wish and tie it to an orange with colourful ribbons. The oranges are then thrown into the tree. If the wishes hang to the branches and get stuck in the tree, then it is believed that the wish will come true.

You can make your own Wishing Tree. First, you will need to print the Chinese New Year Wishing Tree Writing Frames and the Chinese New Year Wishing Tree Orange Cut-Outs.

1. Ask the children to write their own wishes onto the Wishing Tree Writing Frames.
2. Once the writing is finished, the children need to cut out an orange picture.
3. Hole punch the orange picture and thread a length of colourful ribbon through.
4. Ask the children to roll their wish into a tube and tie the ribbon around it.
5. The wish is now ready for throwing! The children can either have great fun throwing their wishes into a tree or they can be attached to branches that are placed within your setting, to form an attractive display.

