

EDUCATION MATTERS



Pupils were captivated by the lion dance



Cultural connections are made through learning Mandarin

The school where pupils learn from a journey with Mandarin



Pupils learn about the Mandarin culture through music

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Since 2018, Tetherdown Primary School in Muswell Hill have included Mandarin Chinese in our language curriculum.

Spoken by more than a billion people, Mandarin opens the door to one of the world's oldest and richest cultures.

Its tonal sounds and symbolic writing engage both sides of the brain, enhancing memory, focus, and problem-solving.

Here, Mandarin is more than just a language - it nurtures curiosity, confidence, and global awareness.

Children begin their Mandarin journey in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with joyful, weekly sessions full of songs, stories, and play.

From Year 3 onwards, pupils enjoy an hour of weekly lessons, speaking, listening, reading, writing, and cultural understanding in engaging, interactive ways.

The programme is taught by expert teachers from the UCL Institute of Education, whose international experience and

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passion bring Mandarin to life.

This year's Chinese New Year celebration was a school-wide highlight.

Pupils were captivated by a spectacular lion dance, traditional performances on the guzheng and pipa string instruments, martial arts displays, and hands-on workshops in calligraphy, music, and kung fu.

Pupils were thrilled. One said: "I loved the lion dance - it made me laugh and it was so cool."

Another added: "The performance brought the culture to life."

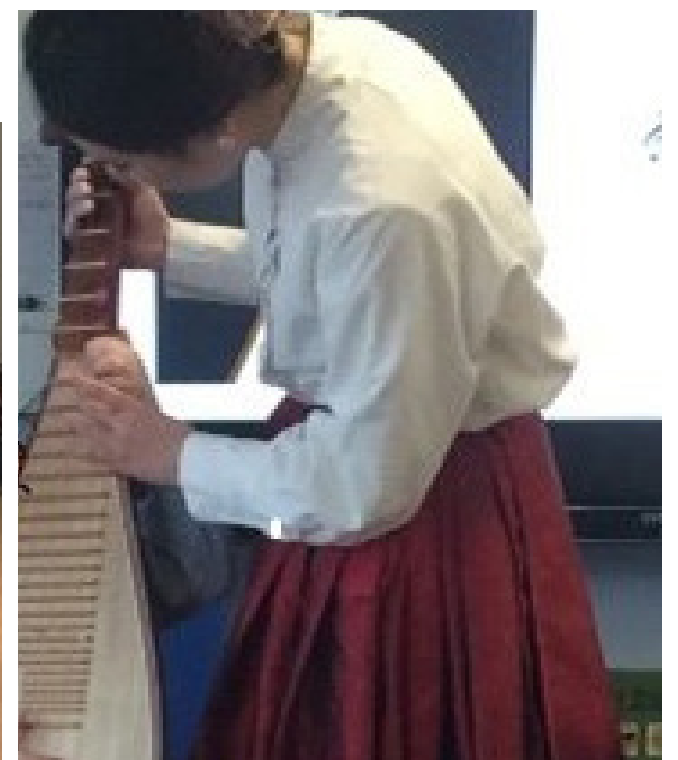
Staff described the day as "mesmerising" and "a gift to our school community".

Mandarin at Tetherdown is a gateway to deeper thinking and cultural connection, preparing children for a globally connected future.

■ **For more information about Tetherdown Primary School:** tetherdownschool.org/



Tetherdown Primary School celebrated Chinese New Year with a display in martial arts



Pupils interact in lessons