

*2017 is the 'Year of the Rooster' according to the Chinese zodiac. The qualities of a rooster include confidence, punctuality and motivation. 'Motivation' is the new school value for this term. School Council took inspiration from the rooster and 'The Door' a poem by Czech poet Miroslav Holub and worked with Cheryl to write the following poem which they performed in assembly at the end of January.*

### **Looking for the Rooster**

Go and open the door

What do I see? Some feathers staring back at me!  
Magic feathers to make my day? Or maybe they'll just fly away.  
They look like feathers from a rooster's crown  
Yellow and green, red, blue and brown  
If these were my feathers I might just be  
successful. ambitious and trustworthy  
I could be like the rooster in all I do  
Oh Rooster, Rooster, where are you?

I'm looking hard and I'm looking long  
I'm listening for the rooster's song  
I'm searching far and I'm searching wide  
But I can't find the rooster, so I'll go back inside....

Go and open the door

Maybe outside you will hear a loud crowing  
a beautiful sound that just keeps on growing  
If the rooster were here, you'd know how to sing  
you'd make new friends and try new things  
Then like the rooster you could be so cool  
You'd pass your exams and do well at school  
You'd be clever at maths and clever with words  
Oh where is the rooster, where is that bird?

I'm looking hard and I'm looking long  
I'm listening for the rooster's song  
I'm searching far and I'm searching wide  
But I can't find the rooster, so I'll go back inside....

Go and open the door

Maybe outside you'll feel a breeze  
the rattle of trees and the falling of leaves  
a chill wind is blowing and I'll tell you why  
The rooster is using its wings to fly  
higher and higher, right up to the stars  
If only the rooster would take me that far!  
None of my dreams will ever come true  
Oh magnificent Rooster, where are you?

I'm looking hard and I'm looking long  
I'm listening for the rooster's song  
I'm searching far and I'm searching wide  
But I can't find the rooster, so I'll go back inside....

Go and open the door  
Go on, go on, just try it once more  
Look outside, there are tracks galore!  
Tracks in the snow, left by the rooster  
and some of its friends, a bear with a booster  
Look! Even the paw of a dinosaur  
I want to go with them, I can't wait anymore!  
I want to be brave and I want to explore  
But still, I can't do it... I shut the door.

I looked hard and I looked long  
I listened for the rooster's song  
I searched far and I searched wide  
But there was no rooster, so I went back inside....

*Aim big!*

*Just do it!*

*Use your gifts!*

*Don't be scared to go out there!*

*Overcome your fears!*

*Discover the thing that you already know....*

**GO AND OPEN THE DOOR!**

I open the door,  
but all I can see  
is nothing  
staring back at me  
No feathers, no crowing,  
no breeze and no tracks  
no sign of anything  
only the quiet fog  
staring back at me  
Oh rooster, where are you  
where can you be?  
Or actually....

are you inside of me?  
I close the door – but change my mind  
I can be determined, flamboyant and kind  
I can make friends and help others less fortunate  
I will be less stubborn, I will be more honest  
I will laugh in the face of danger  
and succeed in my expectations  
This year I will show resilience  
I will make new friends  
I will learn new skills  
I will dare to dream  
and push myself to my limits  
**I will be that rooster!!!**