**Spring term termly topics**

**January & February 2024**

Hello everyone.

Wishing you all a ‘Happy New Year’ and a very warm welcome back to Montessori. We have some lovely activities planned for this term and here is a summary of the topics we will be exploring this term:

* Year 1 and year 2 will both be exploring shapes. This follows on nicely from Christmas, as the children have experienced different shaped boxes, gifts and objects during the Christmas period. Year 1 will be exploring one 2d shape a week, whereas year 2 will be looking at how 3D objects are comprised of more than 1 2d shape. This topic includes a wide variety of our Montessori materials and there will be activities for the children to do together with you at home too.
* Year 1 are making a class mobile to start the term, which really helps the children with their sense of belonging. This will then move into a topic called ‘ourselves’, which is a topic that explores how each child have their own likes and dislikes. They will also be learning about some parts of their bodies and exploring the 5 senses.
* Year 2 are exploring the season of winter and includes looking at hibernation and migration. This is a key element of our outdoor classroom sessions on a Thursday. Year 1 will also be observing the season of winter and looking at how the environment is changing during this time.
* We will be ending the term learning about the Chinese New Year. Year 1 children will join in with some craft activities and year 2 children will be looking into the Chinese New Year story and sampling some traditional Chinese cuisine. Year 2 will also look at the country China to see what life is like there and how the environment differs and is similar to where we live.