Termly Updates

Wishing all our families a warm welcome back to Montessori after the Christmas break. We hope you all had a wonderful time together – we have really enjoyed seeing the children again and hearing about the happy times they have had with you.

To start this term, the children in both year 1 and year 2 are exploring shapes. This leads on nicely from Christmas, with all of the different shaped packaging, cards and presents the children would’ve seen. Year 1 will be focusing on one 2d shape every week, whereas year 2 are exploring 2d and 3d shapes in our environment – starting with our Montessori sensorial materials and working our way out from there. We will also be sending home a fun shape activity for you to do together at home this term.

Physical development is the central theme for this term. Fun and engaging physical games and activities will be done daily. Year 2 will be doing ‘Smart Start’ games every morning. It is really important that the children wear clothing appropriate for these physical games – no skirts, tights or laced shoes please. Year 1 and year 2 will also be doing activities that involve core strength and balance. We will be using our ‘Persil fun fit’ games daily too – some of which incorporate our larger pieces of equipment – such as the bench.

The children will continue to observe the seasons. Year one will be continuing to explore the difference between autumn and winter and using craft activities and stories to explore this too.

Year 2 will be continuing to explore seasons too – focusing on birds, caring for the birds during winter and participating in the RSPB Big Schools’ Bird Watch 2025. A link for the family version will be posted onto CMT for those who wish to do this at home too.

Finally – the children will continue with their festivals of light by celebrating Chinese New Year. We have some great activities lined up for this – finishing the topic with a Chinese banquet. We can’t wait. We will also look at the celebration of Valentine’s Day to end the term.