

## Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year is a holiday signifying the beginning of the new year on the lunar/lunisolar calendar. It is celebrated in many parts of the world including Eastern and Southeastern Asia. It is also known as the Spring Festival, Chinese New Year, Seollal in Korea, Tết nguyên Đán in Vietnam, Tsagaan Sar in Mongolia, Losar in Tibet, and so on. February 12th is when it will occur in 2021.

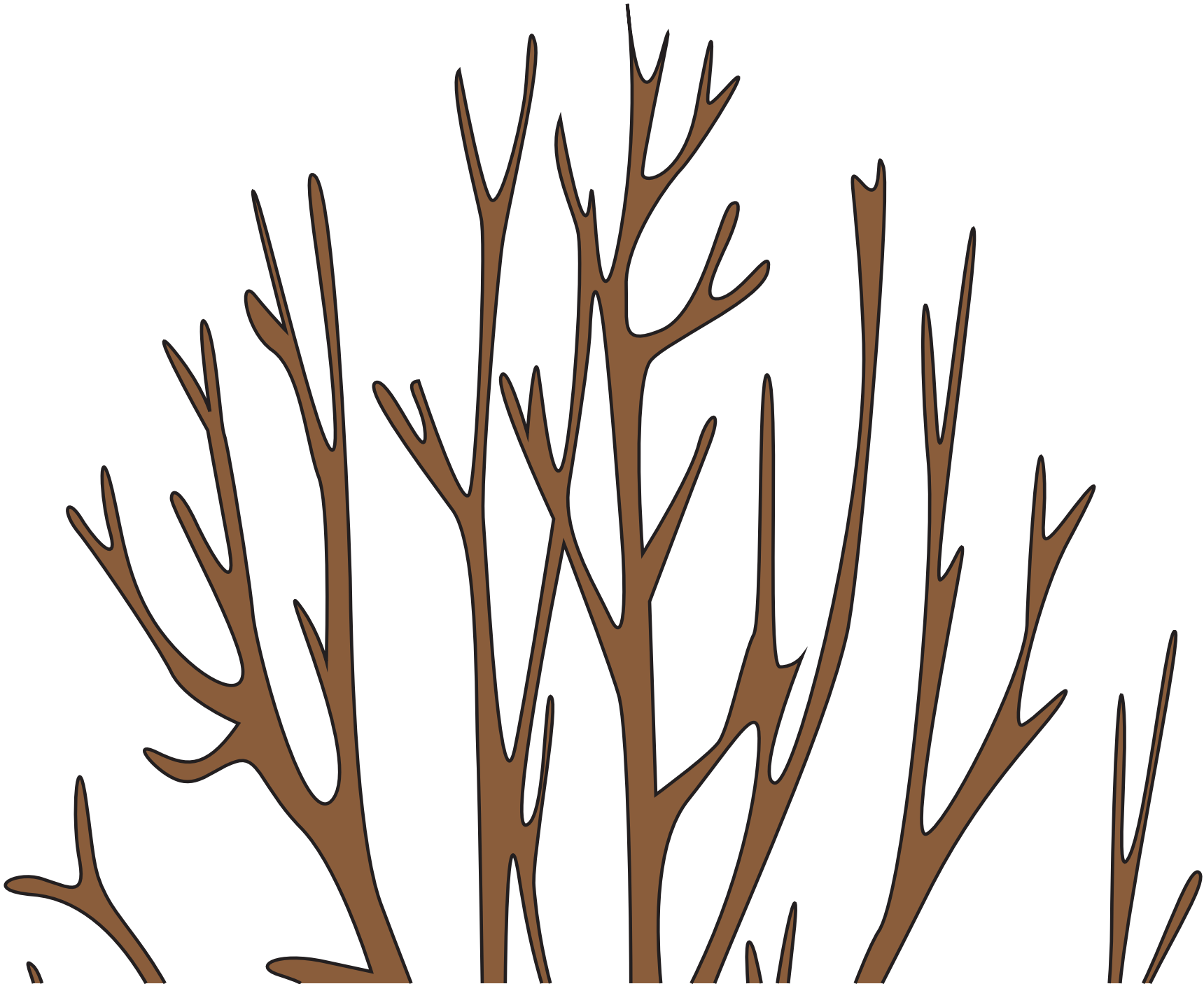
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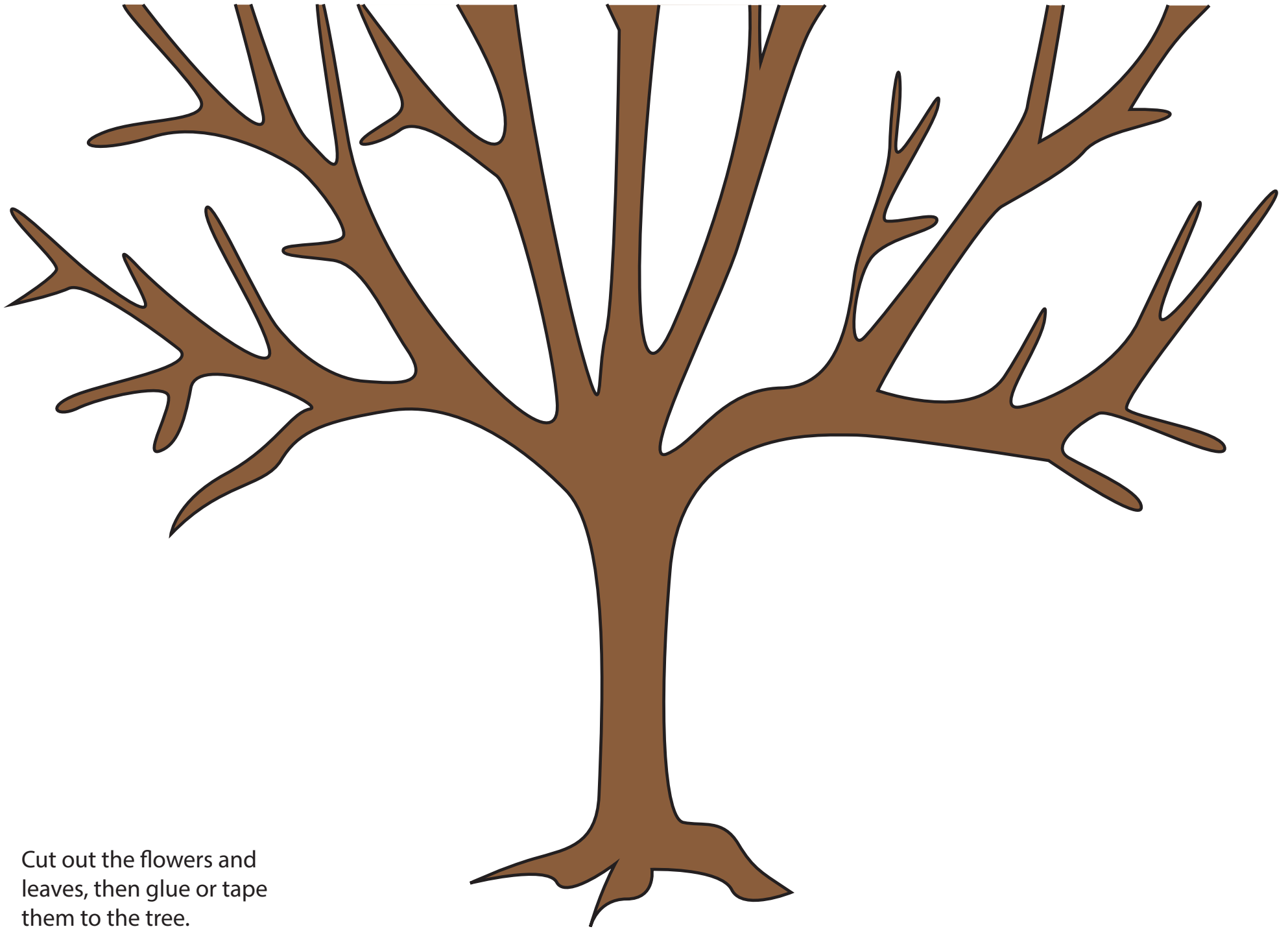
-Each year is represented by one of the twelve zodiac animals, with 2021 being the year of the ox. One version of the zodiac story is that the Jade Emperor invited the 12 animals to a banquet. The ox agreed to give the rat a ride across the river on the way to the palace, but at the last minute the rat jumped off ahead of the ox. This is how the rat became the first on the zodiac calendar, with the ox coming in second. The animals who followed after were the tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig.

-The exact date of Lunar New Year changes every year because it follows the lunar calendar in which each month begins during the new moon. It always falls between January 21 and February 21.

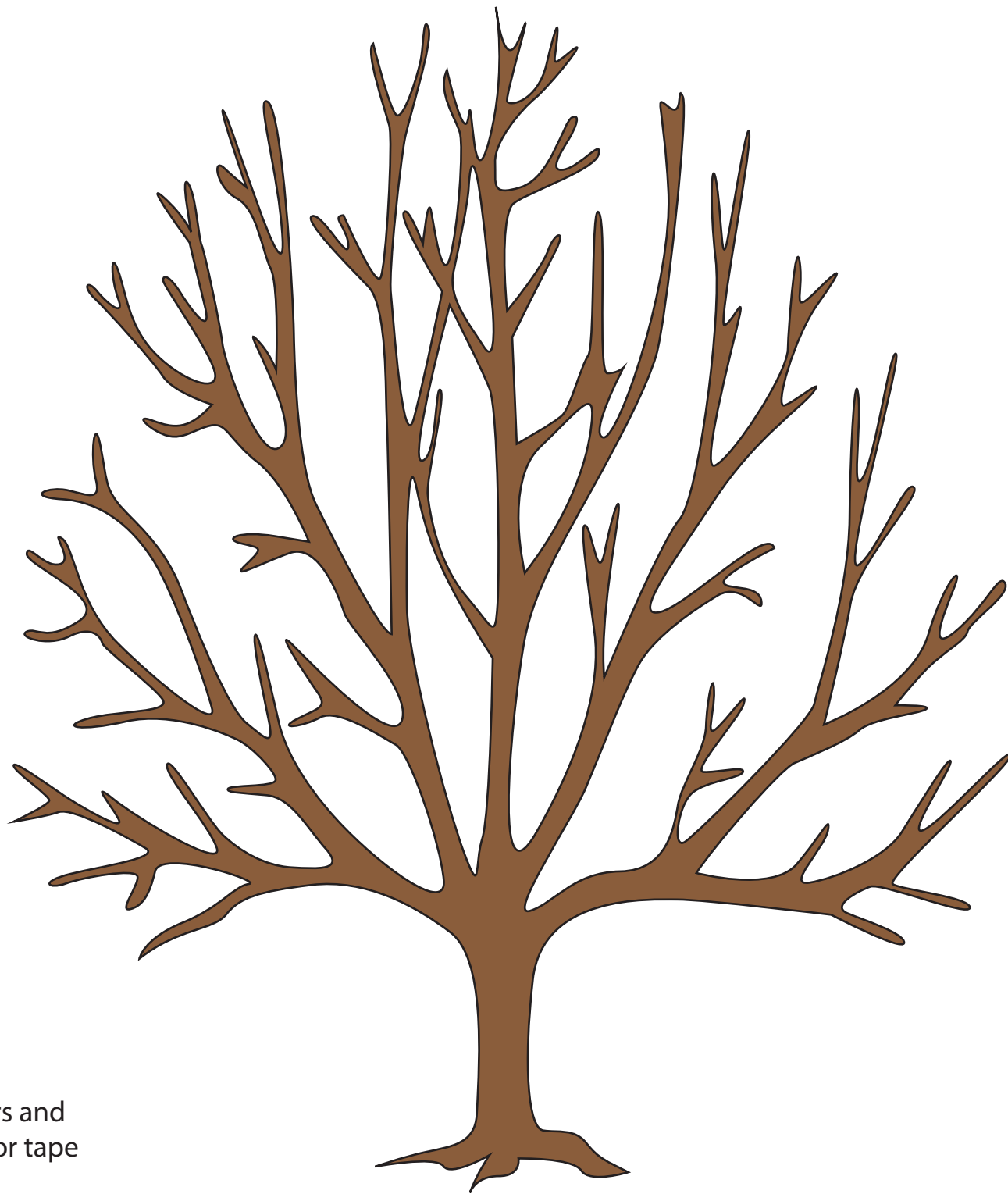
## Peach Blossoms

Peach blossoms are common household decorations for the Lunar New Year. They are put in decorative vases at the entrance of houses to bring in prosperity and growth. They also represent romance and are popular with those looking for love.





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