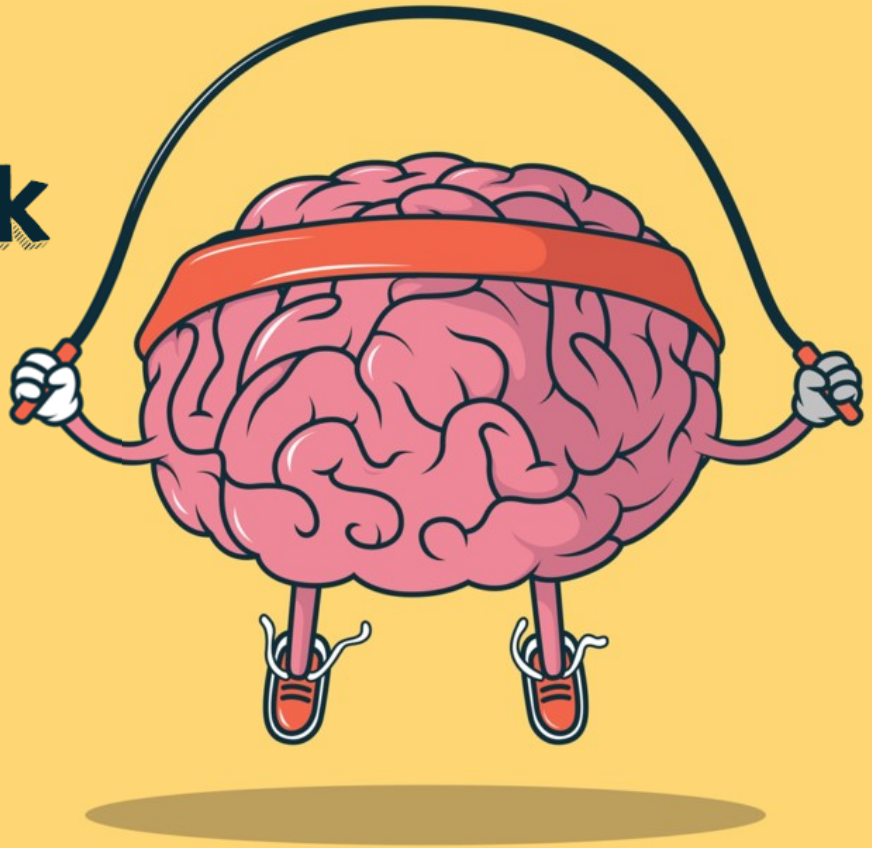


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# This week we are learning to...



## Literacy:

To write sentences by sequencing them to form a short narrative. The children will gain an understanding of the importance of vocabulary in describing and how this engages the reader and sparks the imagination. Using the knowledge that they gained about the earth during their Project last term, the children will be encouraged to transport themselves to space and to write a piece describing the view of the earth. At home you can encourage your child to build their vocabulary by using the Wordsmith website's 'Word of the Day'. Present this to your child and ask them to use it in a sentence during the day. At the end of each day, discuss how they have used the word and how they might use it during a Creative writing task.

## Maths:

To create a tally chart. As an introduction to data handling and interpretation, the children will be carrying out their own survey and compiling a frequency table to display their results. The children will be given the theme of 'All About Our Class' and each child will create their own topic to base this on— they may choose hair colour, eye colour, birthday month, favourite holiday destination. The children will have to pay close attention to the 4 vertical marks crossed with a diagonal mark to represent each group of 5. Using 2Graph on Purple Mash the children will then input their data into labelled fields. At home, you can get involved with a family survey or even a traffic survey of the traffic that passes by your house. Your child can then independently log into Purple Mash and present this in a pie chart.

## Project:

This week the children will be introduced to their new Project topic 'Taking Care of Our World'. To give the children an understanding of how our environment has changed over time, they will go back in time to explore the prehistoric period. They will be learning key vocabulary such as 'archaeology' and 'prehistoric'. The children will delve into the causes of this environmental change including pollution. In order to support this learning at home, you can research the history of your local area. How has this changed over time? Are there fewer green spaces? What impact could this have had on wildlife in the area?

## Science:

The children will begin their Scientific enquiry into our new topic 'The Earth in Space'. During this first lesson the children will gain an understanding of our solar system. The children will be able to share their existing knowledge of the 8 planets, the sun and the moon, including what these look like within space and from earth. The children will be encouraged to create a bank of 'big questions' for our 'Wonder Wall' that we can find the answers to throughout the curriculum. For example, 'Is the earth flat?' At home, you can conduct a moon study—allowing your child time each evening to observe how the moon changes of the period of a week. Allow them to comment and record on these changes in the form of drawings or writing.