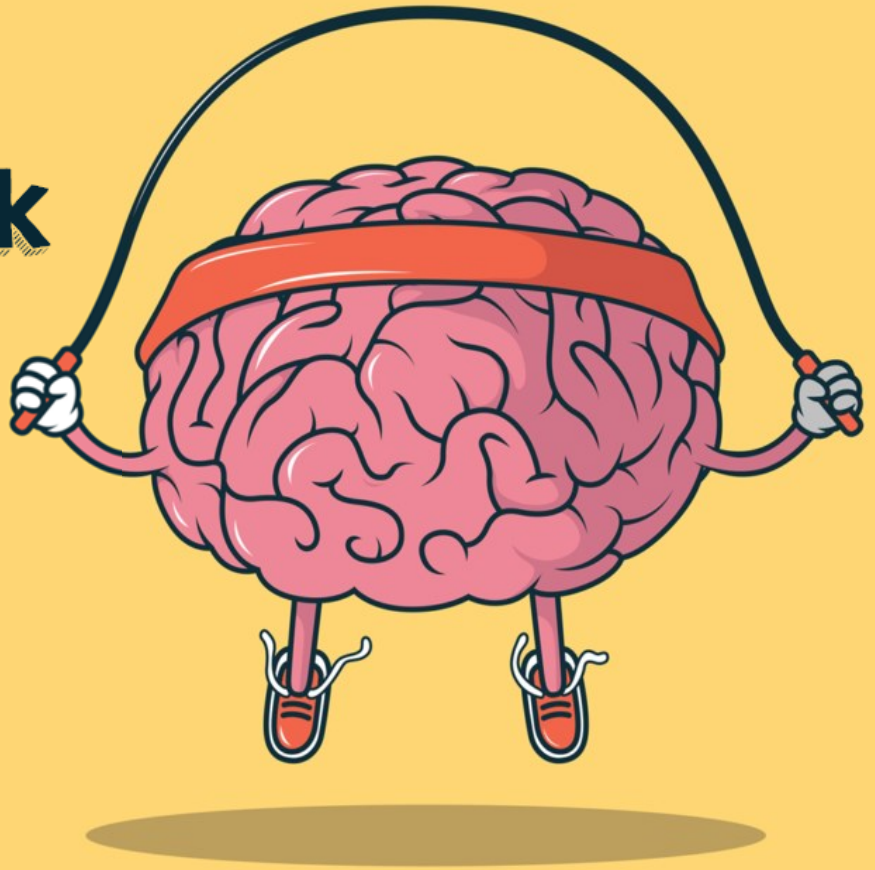


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This week we are learning to...



Literacy

In our Phonics lessons we will introduce the children to the sound 'y' by singing the 'Jolly Phonics' song and matching the sound to the corresponding pictures e.g. 'y' is for 'yak' and 'yoyo'. We will encourage the children to start forming the letter 'y' by following the letter formation rhyme 'Down a horn, up a horn and under head'. A variety of sensory activities involving sand, playdough and shaving foam will be used to support the children to learn the formation in a fun way.

Our Creative Writing lessons will be inspired by the story 'Wonky Donkey' by Craig Smith. We will encourage the children to talk about the story using the new words from the book and to think about what part they enjoyed the most. We will identify the rhyming words by listening carefully to the sound patterns. At home, you can read your favourite rhyming stories and listen carefully to identify the rhyming pairs.

Understanding the World

During this half term, our Understanding the World topic is 'Road Safety'. This week we will focus on the importance of holding an adult's hand when walking on the pavement and crossing the road. Do the children remember to stop, look and listen before crossing? Do they remember to find the safe zebra crossing? How do we keep safe when we travel by car? Are you always sitting in a car seat and using your seatbelt? On your way to school allow your child to explain in their own words why it is important to remember to stop, look and listen and make sure we are holding hands. Have they noticed the dangers on the road? Can they talk about being safe in the car?

Maths

This week, the first termers will focus on recognising the numbers 0 and 1 and single objects. The second termers will focus on recognising up to the number 8 and counting groups of 8 objects. The children will focus on counting how many legs a spider has. Can the children compare groups of one or eight objects to other smaller groups? Which one has more or less?

At home, you can play matching games with your child to see if they are able to arrange objects into groups of one or eight and count them reliably.