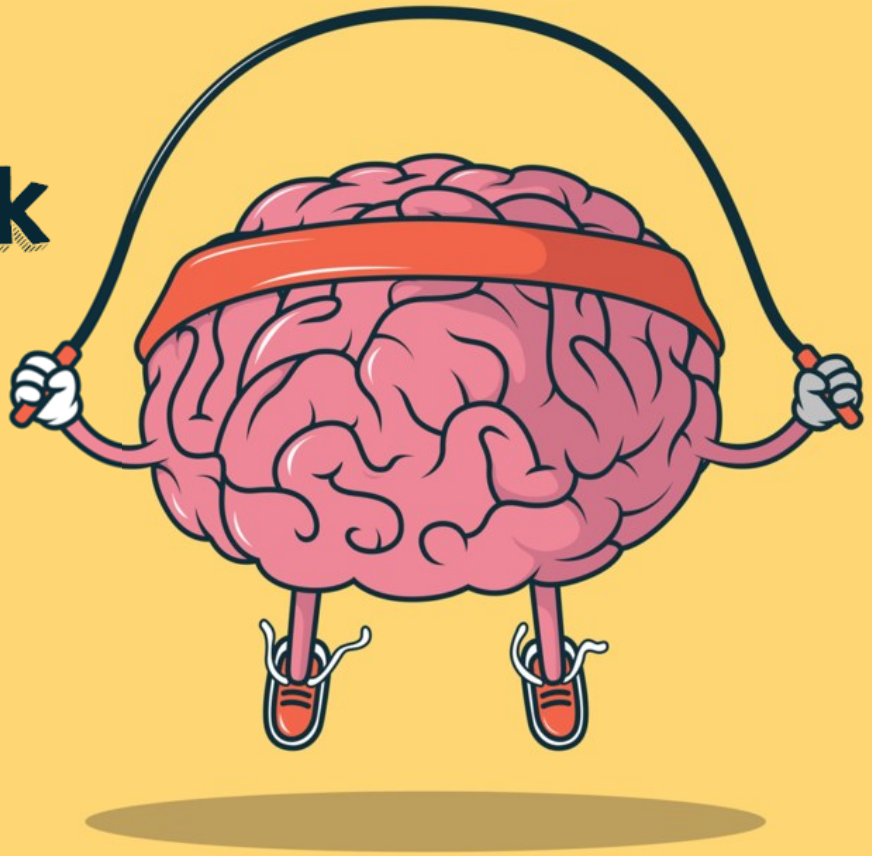


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This week we are learning to...



Literacy

In Phonics and handwriting lessons the children will be taught how to use their segmenting skills for writing by listening intently to simple words containing the focus sounds 's' and 'a'. The children will be encouraged to use letter mats to remember the letter formation and have a go at writing independently the sounds they can hear in words such as 'at' and 'sat'. We will begin to extend children's thinking around writing by combining words into phrases, captions and sentences for example, the cat sat on the mat.

In Creative Writing lessons, the children will be focusing on the story book *Wobbly Jelly* by Michelle Robinson. The children will be identifying the key events in the story and will use their knowledge of letters and sounds to write their own version of the story and illustrate it.

At home, you can use a favourite story to practise sounding out and blending short phonetic words.

Maths

In our Maths Number lessons, the children will be involved in sensory activities to practise their number formation of numerals 0–10. The children will use materials such as shaving foam, rice, flour, salt to form these numbers, and will be encouraged to identify similarities and differences between the different numerals.

In our Maths Project lessons, the children will continue to expand their knowledge of 2D shapes by learning to name and describe pentagons, hexagons and rhombuses. They will be encouraged to describe them using the focus vocabulary, edges, sides, corners and flat.

At home, you can look around your house to find different shapes that resemble a hexagon, rhombus and pentagon.

Understanding the World

The children will re-enact 'The Story of the Great Race' by Christopher Corr, being given the chance to retrieve their knowledge from the previous week. How many animals were there in the story and which one would you like to impersonate? The children will narrate the story focusing on improving their communication skills. We will also continue to focus on learning about traditional foods eaten during the celebrations for the Lunar New Year. At home, you can have a go at finding out which year each member of your family was born in according to the Chinese calendar.