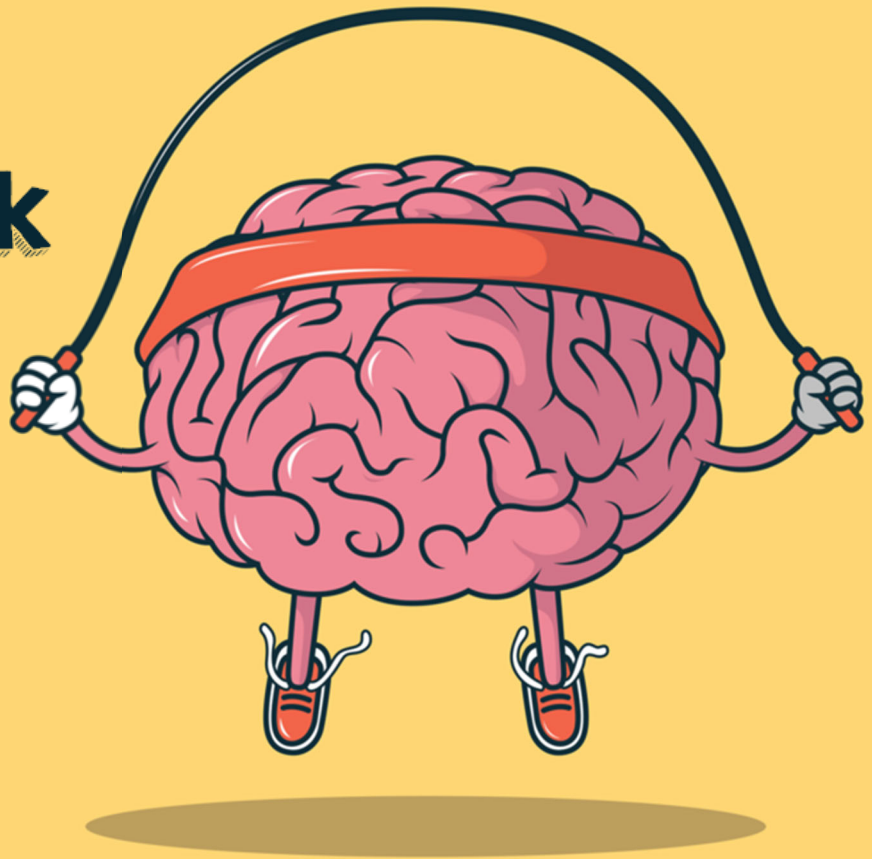


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#### Literacy

In our 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 'x' and 'y'. The children will be encouraged to use letter mats to remember the letter formation rhymes and have a go at writing independently the sounds that they can hear in words such as 'fox', 'six', 'yellow' and 'yarn'. We will begin to extend the children's thinking around writing by combining words into simple sentences e.g "I have six pens." and "This is yellow."

In Creative Writing lessons, the children will be focussing on the book, 'The Crunching Munching Caterpillar' by Sheridan Cain. 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 create your own caterpillar to use as a mascot to retell the story and what you have learnt from your new project this term.

#### Maths

This week in Maths Number, the children will be focusing on forming numbers on paper with increasing independence and confidence. They will be supported to recall the rhymes that go with each number while they write them down and draw corresponding groups of objects to ensure a deep understanding of the number concept. At home, use a variety of natural resources such as leaves, sticks or pebbles to create the numbers in a fun way.

This week in Maths Project, the children will work with the concept of length by using pictorial representations of objects and non-standard units of measure, such as their hand span. The children will compare lengths using the specific vocabulary independently - short, shorter, shortest, long, longer and longest. At home, you can encourage your child to develop their understanding of length by comparing objects around the house and encouraging them to ask questions and express their thinking around this topic.

#### Understanding the World

This week in the Understanding of the World Project lessons, the children will develop their understanding of the world around them by learning about the body parts of a butterfly. They will label them using the appropriate vocabulary with the support of the teacher – wings, antennae, eyes, proboscis, thorax and abdomen. At home, you can read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" story by Eric Carle and encourage your child to differentiate between the fact and fiction. Would a caterpillar, in reality, eat all those foods?