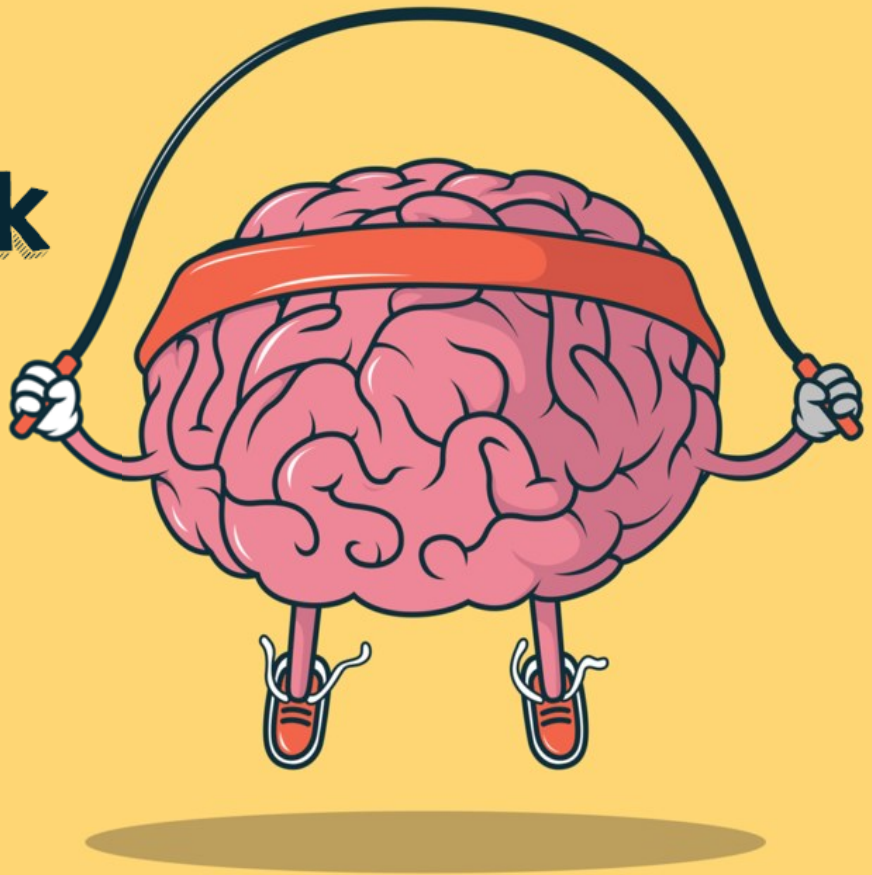


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This week we are learning to...



Literacy

Our two focus sounds this week are 'i' and 'n'. The children will be taught the formation rhymes 'Down the body, dot for the head' and 'Down Nobby, over his net' to help them remember the correct formation of the letters. We will work on developing the children's phonological awareness by identifying the position of these sounds in words. Where can you hear the sound, at the beginning, end or in the middle of the word? We will be combining these two new sounds with the sounds learned previously to sound out and blend words such as 'tip', 'sit', 'tin' and 'pan'.

At home, you can use a piece of string and some pegs to make a washing up line to hang homemade sound cards and combine them in different ways. Challenge our child to form as many words as possible with the letters learned so far 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'l' and 'n'.

Maths

In our Maths Number lessons this week, we will explore how quantities increase when we add items, using resources such as Unifix cubes or small animal counters. By labelling the groups with number cards, the children will be encouraged to pay attention to what is happening to the numbers as we count along the number line 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Which number has the most items? Which number has the least items?

At home, you can encourage your child to compare small quantities using mathematical vocabulary such as 'more', 'less' and 'the same'. Which is bigger or smaller? Which has less or more? Why are they the same?

In our Maths Project lessons, we will be learning about symmetry by observing symmetrical patterns in nature. We will explore and comment on the symmetrical patterns in leaves, fruit (inside oranges) and vegetables (inside onions). We will then have a go at copying the symmetrical pattern on a butterfly's wings.

At home, you can explore the outdoors together to find new and fascinating patterns such as pine cones, spider webs or various types of plants and leaves. How can you describe them? Why are they patterns?

Understanding the World

In our Understanding the World lessons, the children will be learning about the food pyramid and the five food groups. We will think and discuss together what makes a healthy diet. What happens if you have too much or too little of the same thing? We will identify how each food group helps our body grow and stay healthy.

At home, you can discuss and plan together a healthy menu for the following week.