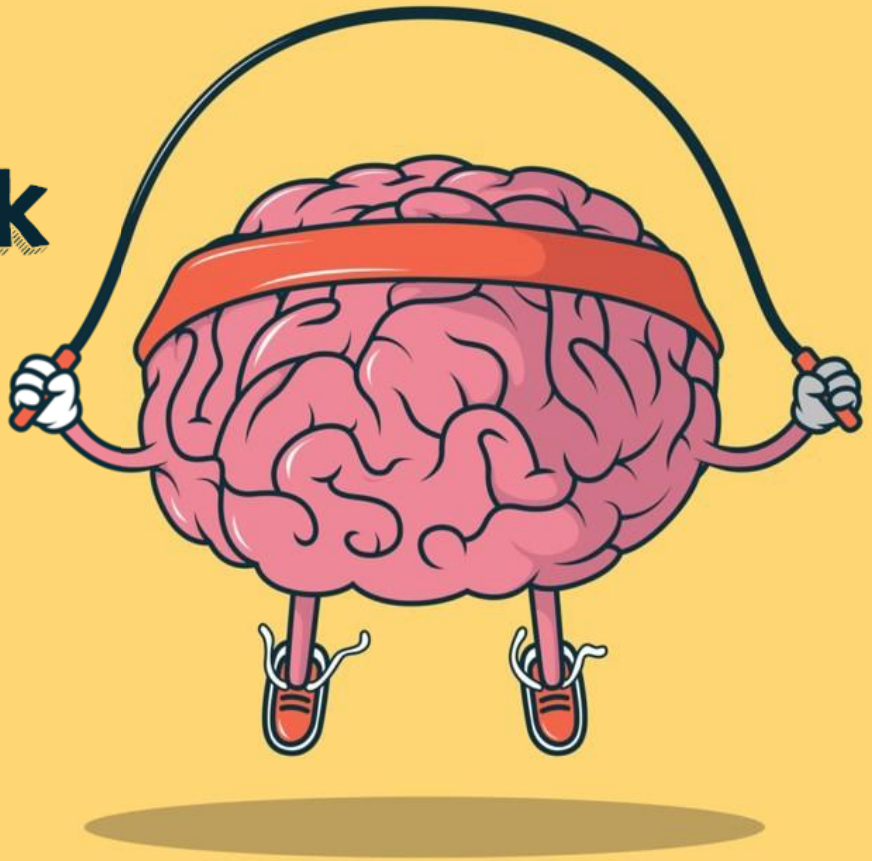


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**This week  
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learning  
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### Literacy

In our Phonics lessons we will introduce the sounds 's' and 'a'. The children will learn the formation rhymes 'Slither down the snake' and 'Round the apple, down the leaf'. They will be taught to listen carefully to identify these in words and will be encouraged to sound out and blend for reading.

At home, you can create your own sound bag by collecting objects from around your house. When you read to your child, encourage them to spot these sounds in words on the page and show them how to say the sounds and blend them into words e.g. c-a-t, cat.

### Maths

In our Maths Number lessons we will focus on developing reliable counting skills within 10. The children will be taught to arrange objects in a line, to touch each object and to take their time to say the number while counting, in order to develop a reliable one to one correspondence.

In our Maths Project lessons, the children will learn to identify and copy patterns with varying rules, including ABAB, ABCABC, ABBABB. We will look at the focus book, 'Pattern Bugs' by Trudy Harris, to support their understanding of the concept of pattern. At home, encourage your child to use their toys e.g. Lego, Magformers, building blocks, to create their own patterns.

### Understanding the World

In the Understanding the World lessons the children will learn about the key features of the human body. This week we will focus on the skeleton, learning the names of the main bones and comparing the human skeleton to various animal skeletons. We will encourage the children to think critically, identifying similarities, differences and helping them to use the focus vocabulary to express their observations.

At home, share with your child non-fiction texts that offer an insight into how the body works and encourage focused observation of the body movements. For example, which bones do we use when we walk or when we dance?