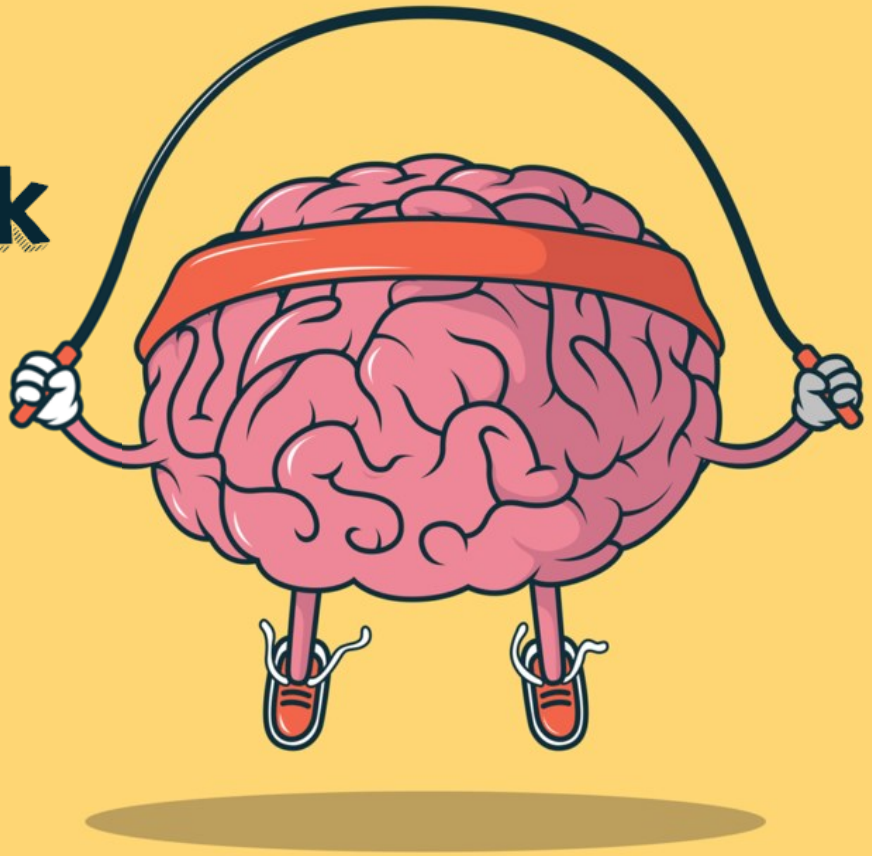


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# This week we are learning to...



## Literacy

This week in Phonics, the children will focus on the 'd' sound. The children will learn the letter rhymes to help them form the letter correctly and will wear their white thinking hats to recall words and draw pictures of objects that start with the same sound. At home, you can ask your child to highlight the 'd' sound when they come across it during reading time, as well as using a mini whiteboard and pen to practise writing simple words with that sound.

## Maths

This week in Maths, the children will our focus on identifying numbers up to 20. They will first of all refine their knowledge of recognising numbers from 0 - 10 before moving on to numbers 11-20. They will then participate in a number scavenger hunt and will use the superpowers of the Participating Penguin to work together and find the numbers hidden in our environment. At home, you can ask your child to create their own number hunt and search for numbers in your outdoor space.

In our Maths Project lesson this week, we will be exploring 3D shapes and their properties. We will be recapping the names of the 3D shapes and discussing how we can identify these by counting faces, edges and vertices. The children will be focusing on properties, as well as building and manipulating the shapes to see how they can move, such as stacking and rolling.

As the children learn about 3D shapes, it's fun to explore how they move and interact with each other. At home, set up a simple ramp and test each shape to see if it rolls down the hill or slides. Next, test each shape to see if it can be stacked easily on top of another shape. Explore your child's understanding of why a shape does (or does not) roll, slide or stack.

## Understanding the World

This week, we will be continuing our topic on Colour and Light. The children will be discussing the main source of natural light, the Sun. The children will be exploring the outdoor space, taking note of shadows and brighter areas of the garden. We will also be exploring manmade light and how we use this in our homes.

At home, we would like you to create a shadow drawing of one of your toys. Why not sit in the garden and find a bright area of sunlight, place your paper down and your toy on top and identify where the shadow is on the paper. Ask your child to draw around the toy to create a drawing of the shadow.