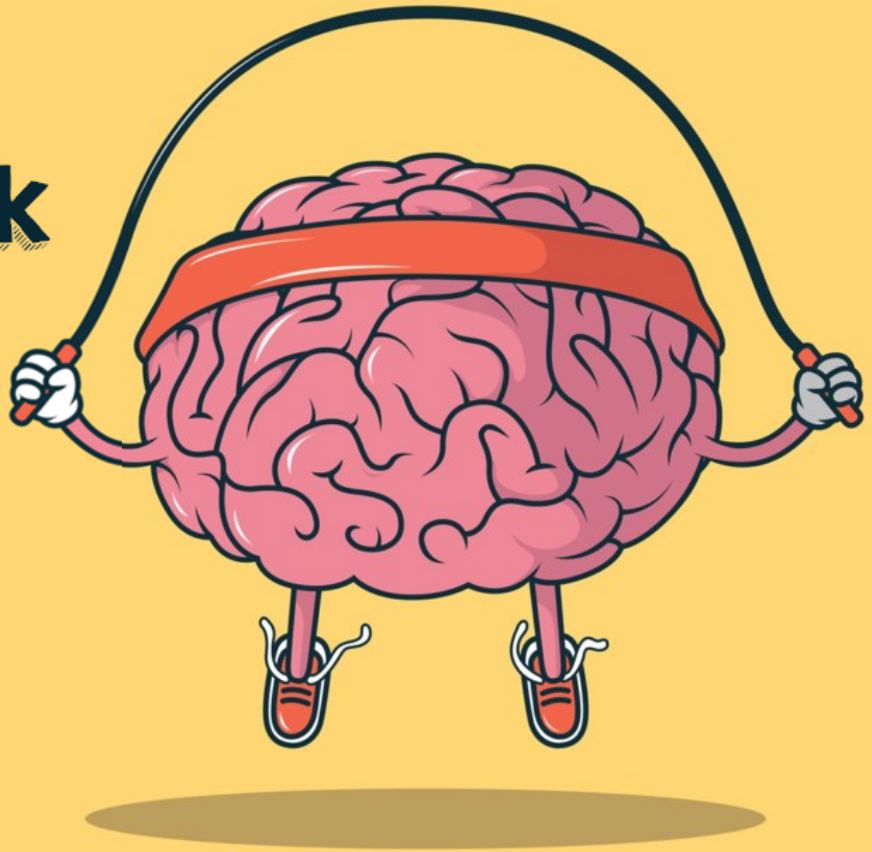


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This week we are learning to...



Literacy

Our two focus sounds this week are the single sound 'l' and the digraph sound 'll'. The children will learn the letter formation rhyme 'Down the long leg' to help them remember the correct starting point and the direction for the correct formation of this letter. We will practise sounding out and blending while reading words such as 'leg', 'log', 'hill', 'mill', comparing the position of the focus sounds in the different words. We will ask questions such as 'What pattern do you notice about 'll'?' and encourage the children to continue the rhyming string, seeing how many more words that end in 'll' they are able to find.

At home, you can play a rhyming game with your child, where you can name objects that sound similar to one another in order to consolidate their phonological awareness.

Maths

In our Maths Number lessons, we will work on developing the children's counting skills within 20. In particular, this will focus on the counting principles; counting each object accurately, saying the names of the numbers in the correct order, understanding that the last number said represents the total number of objects in that group, and that this does not change when the objects are moved in a different position.

At home, encourage the children to count along when performing repetitive actions, such as going up and down the stairs. See if they can count each step while performing the action and counting reliably, and prompt them to think of other everyday actions that they can count.

In these lessons, we will also introduce the children to the concept of weight. We will draw their attention to how different items feel light or heavy when being manipulated and we will encourage them to use the specific vocabulary to describe the weight. We will test their predictions by using the balancing scales. Using objects that differ considerably in weight will help children understand the concept in a practical way and we will encourage them to order three items by weight.

At home, have a go at describing the weight of objects in your house, using language such as 'X is heavier/lighter than/as heavy as Z.'

Understanding the World

In our Understanding the World lessons this week, we will continue to focus on our Project, 'Colour and Light'. The children will experiment with mixing the primary colours to obtain different shades of secondary colours. At home, you can have a look at the book 'Mix It Up!' by Herve Tullet, to inspire some more colour mixing. Go outside in the garden and observe all the beautiful Autumn colours. What colour will you mix to create an Autumn painting?