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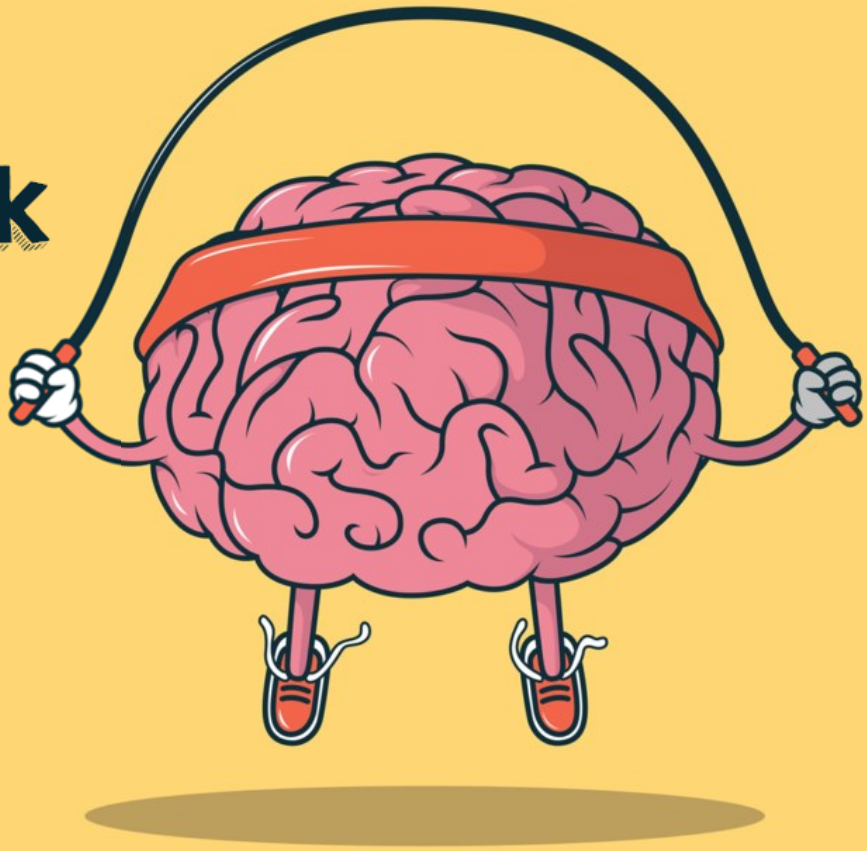

Literacy

In our Phonics lessons, we will introduce the children to the sound ‘g’ by singing the Jolly Phonics song and matching the sound to the corresponding pictures e.g. ‘g’ is for ‘goat’, ‘gate’ and ‘garden’ etc. We will encourage them to listen carefully when the word is pronounced by a teacher in order to identify the initial sound. A variety of media will be used to support the development of mark-making skills e.g. use pencils, pens or brushes, to start forming the letter ‘g’. The children will be taught the formation rhyme ‘Around the girls face, down her hair and give her a curl’.

Our Creative Writing lessons will be inspired by the story, ‘Night Monkey, Day Monkey’ by Julia Donaldson. We will focus on matching rhyming words and telling the story in our own words. The children will be encouraged to create their own illustrations for the story and attempt to write the initial sound to label their pictures.

At home, you can look at animals that sleep during the day and animals that sleep at night just like us.

Understanding the World

This week, we will help the children understand how bees communicate as well as how they make honey. We will watch a short video to observe carefully and understand that bees do ‘a dance’ when they communicate with each other. We will then create our own dances in pairs to communicate with a partner. The children will be encouraged to work cooperatively to agree over a set of actions which they will show together.

At home your child can visit their favourite park to find colourful flowers just like bees do when they collect nectar. On your return home you can have a go at making honey sandwiches together, for your snack and talk about the importance of bees for our world.

Maths

This week, we will focus on recognising the number 3, and counting groups of 3 objects by exploring the story ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’. We will recreate the story counting three bears, three beds, three bowls and three chairs. We will have a go at counting aloud, while pointing at the items, in sets of three objects.

At home, you can play matching games with your child, see if they are able to arrange objects into groups of three and count them reliably.