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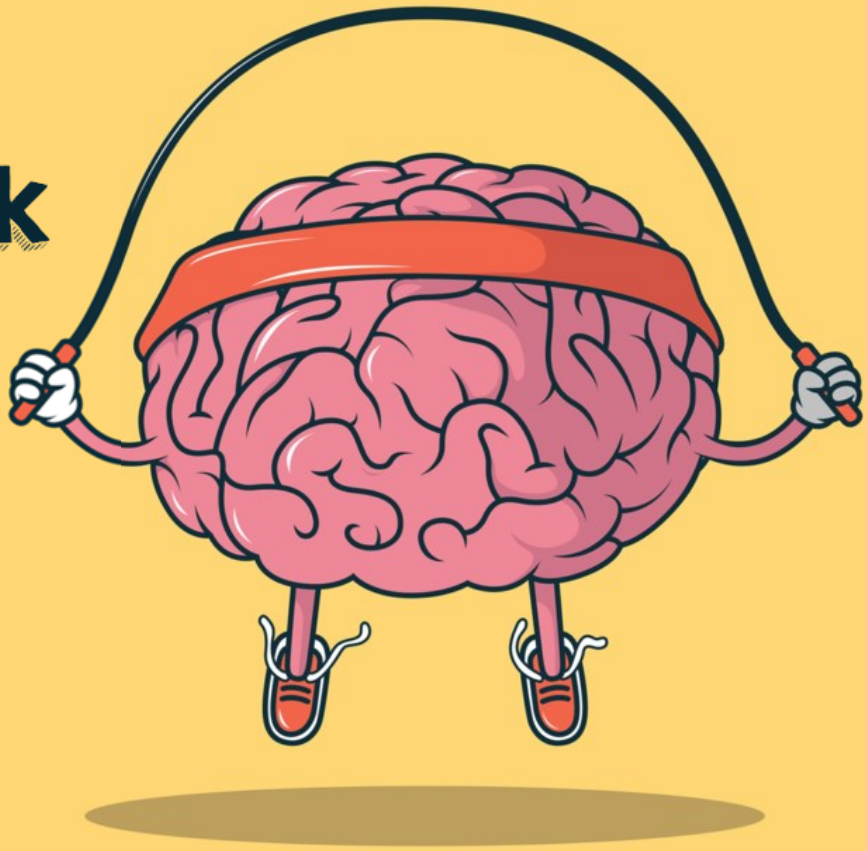
This week we are learning to...



Literacy

In our Phonics lessons, we will introduce the children to the sound ‘f’ by singing the Jolly Phonics song and matching the sound to the corresponding pictures e.g. ‘f’ is for ‘frog’ and ‘flower’. We will encourage the children to start forming the letter ‘f’ by following the rhyme ‘down the stem, and draw the leaves’, using a variety of sensory activities in the sand and playdough.

Our Creative Writing lessons will be inspired by the story ‘Guess how much I love you’ by Sam McBratney. We will discuss the theme of, love, happiness, friendship and kindness, and the children will have a go at producing drawings inspired by the book. They will draw on their knowledge of letters and sounds to attempt writing initial sounds in words.

At home, ask your child what kindness looks like in practice e.g. being helpful around the house, taking turns in conversation, sharing favourite things etc.

Understanding the World

This half term, our topic is ‘Day and Night’. This week, we will be learning about nocturnal animals. First, we will look at the story ‘Owl Babies’ by Martin Waddell, this will help to develop our understanding further. As a class, we will then discuss what other nocturnal animals we may know, before taking the time to draw them, making sure we are using the correct colour for each animal.

At home, why don’t you see if you can remember the story ‘Day Monkey, Night Monkey’ by Julia Donaldson and compare day and night.

Maths

This week, we will focus on learning the formation of the number 4 by using the number formation rhyme ‘Down and over and down some more, that’s the way we make a four’. We will use a variety of sensory activities involving sand, playdough and shaving foam to support the children to learn the formation in a fun way then, we will have a go at practising it with a pencil on paper.

At home, you can ask your child to collect 4 items of different objects from around the house.