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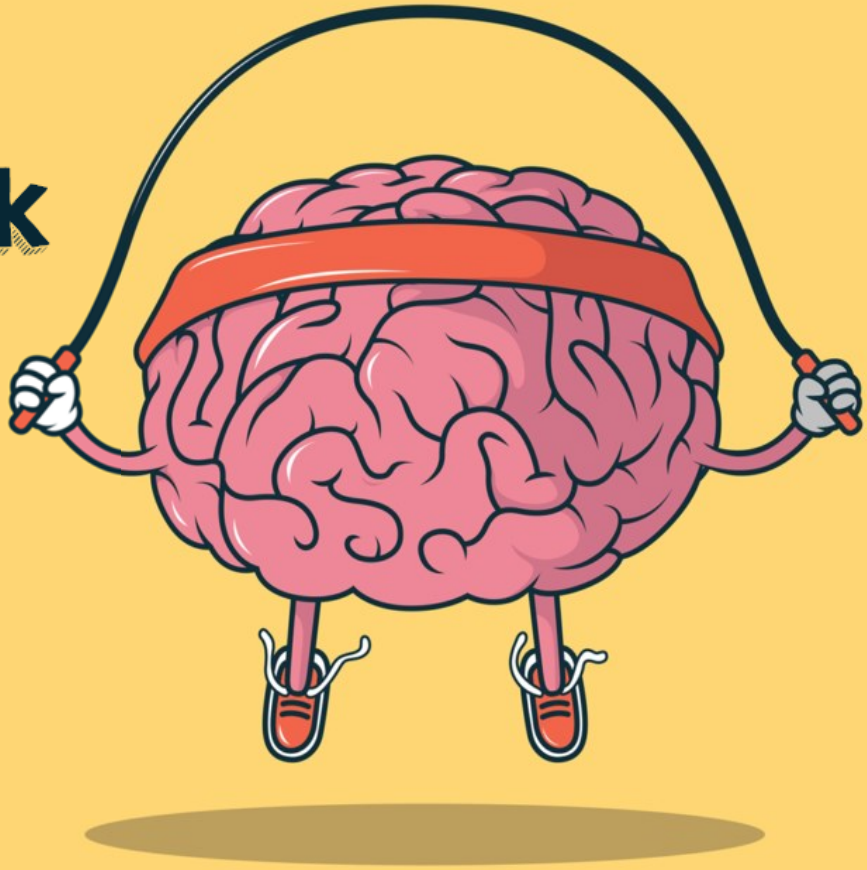
This week we are learning to...



Literacy

In our Phonics lessons, we will be introduced to the sound 'L' by singing the Jolly Phonics song and matching the sound to the corresponding pictures e.g. 'L' is for 'leg' and 'lemon'. We will encourage them to start forming the letter 'L' by following the letter formation rhyme 'Down the long leg' and using a variety of sensory activities in the sand and playdough.

Our Creative Writing lessons will be inspired by the story 'It's Okay not to be Okay' by Esther Marshall. We will discuss the theme of perseverance and growth mindset. What can we do when we are worried about trying to do something new? The children will be encouraged to have a go at drawing pictures inspired by the book and attempt to form letters to write about these.

At home, you can encourage your child to make different letters and objects out of playdough.

Understanding the World

This half term, our Understanding the World topic is 'Day and Night'. This week, we will consolidate our understanding of how the rotation of the Earth around the Sun and around its own axis dictates the pattern of day and night. We will ask questions such as, 'Why is the Sun rising in the East and setting in the West?' We will re-enact the movement of the globe, showing how the light cast by the Sun falls in different places at different times.

At home, you can observe the sunset together and discuss what is happening. Why not ask your child 'What colours do you notice in the sky?', and 'Where is the Sun going?'

Maths

This week, we will focus on recognising the number 6 and counting groups of six objects. As the children explore the number 6, they will use cars to help them count the correct amount. We will then see if children can compare groups of six to other smaller groups, and assess which one has more or less.

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