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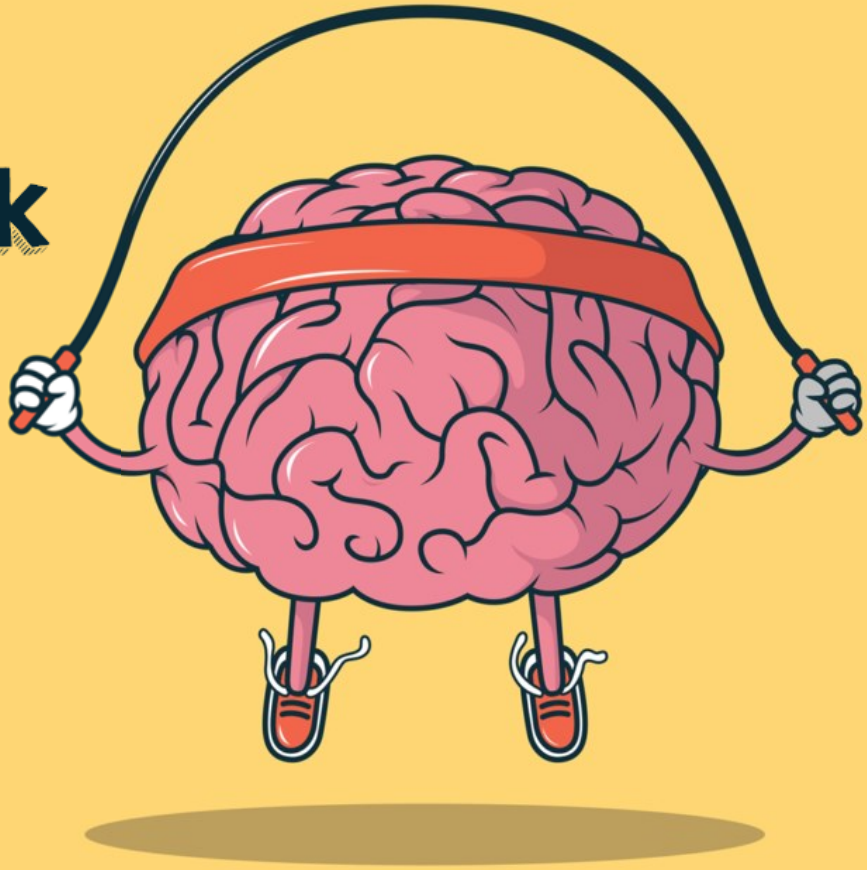

Literacy

In our Phonics lessons we will introduce the sound 'j' by singing the 'Jolly Phonics' song and matching the sound to the corresponding pictures e.g. 'j' is for 'umbrella' and 'up'. We will encourage the children to start forming the letter 'j' by following the letter formation rhyme 'Down his body curl dot for his head'. A variety of sensory activities involving sand, playdough or shaving foam will be used to support the children to learn the formation in a fun way.

Our Creative Writing lessons will be inspired by the story 'Worrysaurus' by Rachel Bright. We will encourage the children to make the connections between the story and their personal experiences. They will consider if they ever feel worried and what they are able to do if they do feel worried. 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 think about things that may make us worried and what we are able to do if that happens to make us less worried.

Understanding the World

This half term, our Understanding the World topic was 'Day and Night'. This week, we will be exploring and trying to recall all of the different things we have been learning during the past seven weeks. Can you remember your daily routines, the names of the different planets in the solar system, the diurnal and nocturnal animals and why we can't always see the sun?

At home, talk through what you are doing during your morning and evening routines. Encourage the children to explain their understanding in sentences and discuss the importance of brushing teeth regularly, going to sleep on time and eating their breakfast.

Maths

This week, we will focus on learning the formation of the number 7 by using the number formation rhyme 'Across and down from heaven that's the way we make seven'. 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.