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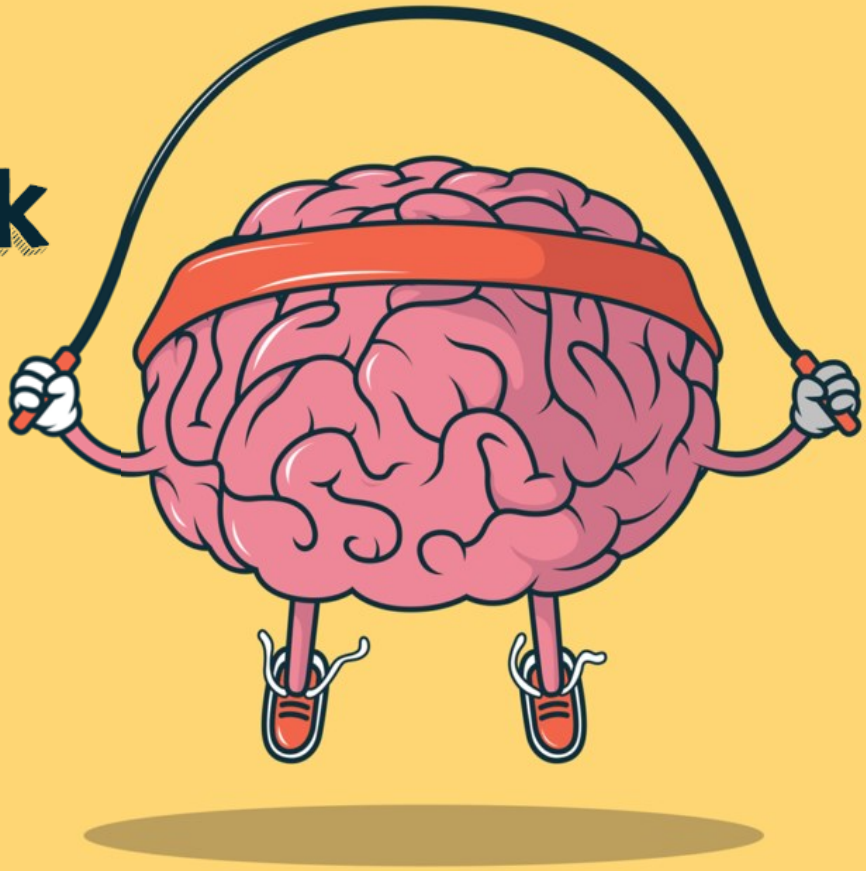
This week we are learning to...



Literacy

In our Phonics lessons, we will introduce the children to the sound 'b' by singing the 'Jolly Phonics' song and matching the sound to the corresponding pictures e.g. 'b' is for 'ball' or 'bat'. We will encourage the children to start forming the letter 'b' by following the letter formation rhyme 'Down the laces to the heel and around the toe. ' A variety of sensory activities involving sand, playdough and 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 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. The children will discuss how everyone is different and that's okay, being different is what makes us all unique. They will be encouraged to retell the story in their own words and draw pictures inspired by it. At home, can your child draw a picture of themselves depicting what makes them special, making sure to add detail and correct colouring to there drawing.

Understanding the World

This half term, our Understanding the World topic is 'Clothes'. This week we will focus on learning to name different fabrics and we will describe their appearance, how their texture feels and how they might smell. We will encourage the children to use key vocabulary such as soft, rough, hard, smooth and silky. We will learn how different fabrics need to be washed, should we put them into the washing machine or should we wash them by hand? At home, you can ask your child to help with sorting out the laundry into different colours e.g. white/black/colourful or different textures such as delicates that need to be washed by hand, and cotton items that can be put in the washing machine

Maths

This week, we will focus on learning the formation of the number 3 for the first termers (Delta) by using the number formation rhyme 'Around the tree around the tree that's the way we make a three' the second termers (Alpha) will focus on the number 9 by using the number formation rhyme 'Make a loop then a line now you have a nine' 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 play matching games with your child and see if they are able to arrange objects into groups of three and count them reliably.