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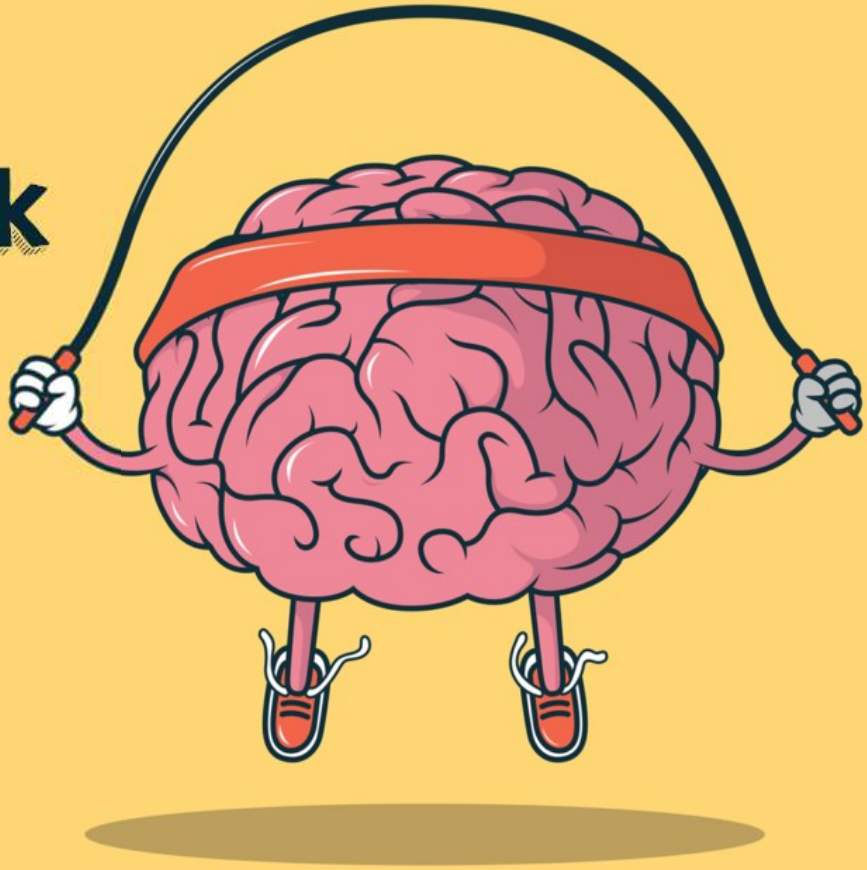
This week we are learning to...



Literacy

In our Phonics lessons, we will introduce the sound 'd' by singing the 'Jolly Phonics' song and matching the sound to the corresponding pictures, e.g. 'd' is for 'dog' and 'doctor'. We will encourage the children to start forming the letter 'd' by following the letter formation rhyme, 'around the dinosaur's bottom, up his long neck and down to his toes,' and by using a variety of sensory activities in the sand and playdough. Our Creative Writing lessons will be inspired by the story *All Kinds of Families* by Sophy Henn. We will encourage the children to explore the diversity of family life. Then they will have a go at drawing their favourite one and attempt to form letters to write their name. At home, you could talk to your child about different family structures that you have.

Understanding the World

This week, we will refer to our wall display to discuss similarities and differences between day and night, and how people and animals benefit from having a period of activity and a period of rest. Why is rest important? What happens in our bodies and minds when we rest? What would happen if we never got a break? How does nighttime influence our body clock? At home, take some time to snuggle up together and talk to your child about your own appreciation of time spent resting. As an adult, how do you model resting? Rest is not always the same as sleep. What is your favourite activity that relaxes you and makes you feel well-rested?

Maths

This week, we will focus on learning the formation of the number 7 by using the number formation rhyme, 'Across the sky and down from heaven, that's the way we make a 7.' We will use a variety of sensory activities involving sand, playdough, and shaving foam to support the children in learning the formation in a fun way. Then, we will have a go at practising it with a pencil on paper. At home, you could ask your child to collect seven different objects from around the house to reinforce this learning.