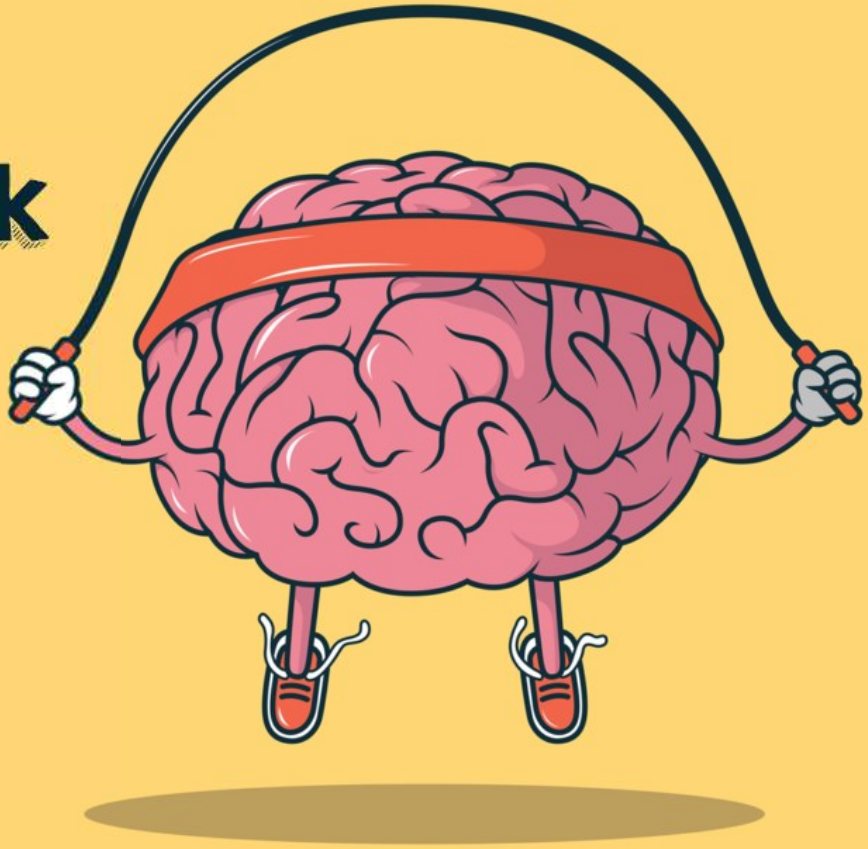
W/C: 10.11.2025

This week we are learning to...



Literacy

This week in Literacy, children will be learning how to identify rhyming words in poetry and use their phonics knowledge to create their own. They will begin by recognising and composing words that rhyme, helping to develop their awareness of sound patterns in language. As part of their learning, children will also draw and label illustrations to match their rhyming words, encouraging creativity and visual expression. Building on these skills, they will be supported to write simple sentences that rhyme using their understanding of phonics to construct meaningful and playful lines of poetry. At home, you could play the 'Rhyming Pairs Game'. To do this they can write a list of words and match each one with a rhyming partner. For example: "hat" and "bat", "tree" and "bee".

Maths

This week in Maths, children will be learning how to use Dienes blocks to represent and understand numbers. They will begin by identifying numbers up to 20 using the Dienes equipment, recognising how each block represents either a single unit or a group of ten. As their understanding develops, they will explore the concept of place value by separating numbers into tens and ones. Children will also use Dienes to support their work with simple addition and subtraction problems, helping them visualise number relationships and strengthen their confidence with early calculation strategies. At home, you could help your children use household items including bricks, buttons or coins to represent tens and ones. For example, one large item for a ten and small items for ones. You can then ask your child to build numbers up to 20.

Science

This week in Science, children will be learning about how human activities impact the environment, with a focus on water and air pollution. They will begin by understanding what pollution means and recognising the different forms it can take. As their learning progresses, they will identify some of the main causes of water and air pollution, such as littering, vehicle emissions and industrial waste. Children will also explore practical ways we can help reduce pollution, including recycling, conserving energy, and making environmentally friendly choices. This topic will help them understand the importance of protecting our planet and the role they can play in making a difference. At home you could encourage your child to take part in a 'Water Watch' where they observe how water is used, you could also discuss ways to reduce waste such as turning off the taps whilst they brush their teeth.

Project

This week in Project, children will be exploring the River Thames and the famous landmarks found along its banks. They will begin by learning that the River Thames flows through London and practise identifying it on a map. As their understanding grows, they will be able to name and describe key landmarks such as the London Eye, Tower Bridge, and the historic docks. Children will also investigate how the River Thames has influenced London's geography, transport systems, and cultural development over time, helping them appreciate the importance of rivers in shaping cities and communities. At home, you could help your child draw one of the famous landmarks along the Thames and label them, they could even create a mini gallery of their favourite landmarks.