



TUXFORD  
Primary Academy

# My Tuxford Primary Academy Information Book

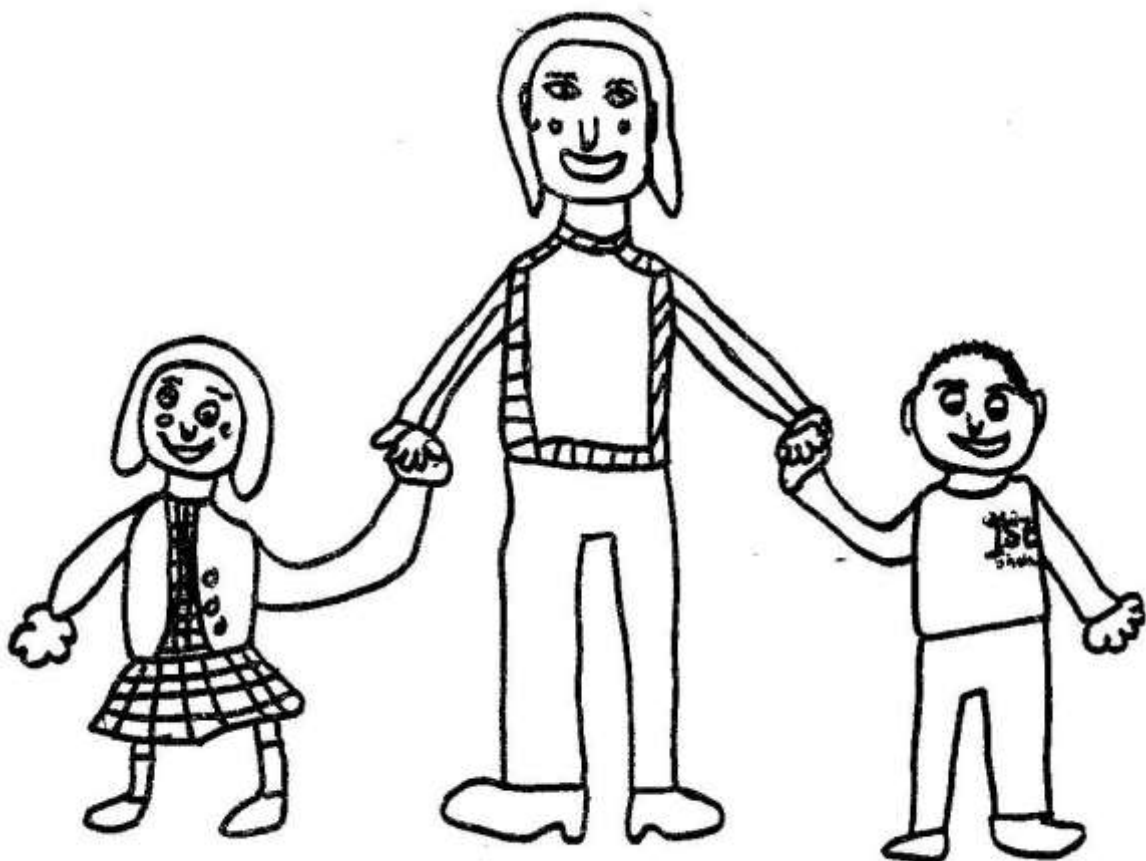


This booklet is for you and your family. It tells you all about the different things that happen at School. We hope that you enjoy looking through it, and look forward to seeing you soon when you start school.

*Mrs Machin*

*Mrs Ashton-Marsh*

*Miss Long*



# You are Special

All children in school keep to our Golden Values.



Which are:

- Look after property
- Be kind and helpful
- Try your best
- Be honest
- Be gentle
- Listen

Every day your name will start on green and when you keep to the Golden Values your teacher will tell you to move your name to the Golden Star.



When your teacher sees you trying hard with your learning you may be awarded a Gold Award. You can take this to the

Principal and receive a Principal sticker as you parents can see you get your award in an assembly.

## **Rainbow Bear**

You will have a turn to take Rainbow Bear home. You will help to keep a class diary of his adventures as he goes home with a new child each week.

## **Star of the Week**

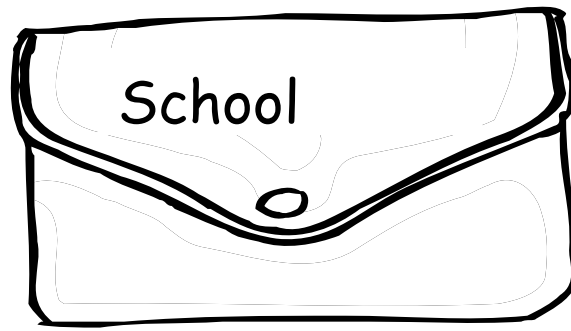
You might get a teacher's Star of the Week award. This is an award given by your teachers if you are being a good member of your class and following your class rules.

## Your Things

You will have your own coat peg with your name on it. You can hang your coat and PE kit bag here. PE kits should be left at school for the whole half term.

In the classroom you will have a drawer/tray with your name on it. You can keep your things in this and your book bag and special work.

Letters for home will go in your book bag together with your school reading book and reading diary.



## Arriving in the morning

When you come to school you will wait on the playground with your grown-up. A bell will go at 8:40am and you will line up with the rest of your class on the front playground. On your first day of school, when your teacher collects you from the playground, your mum and dad can follow the teacher with you and help you into the classroom. After this you can say goodbye to your mum and dad on the playground and your teacher will lead you in to class, you'll know what to do by then.

## Morning Snack

During the morning you will be able to have a drink of milk or water and eat your snack in a snack circle in your classroom. It is a great time to get to know each other.

We all have a piece of fruit. This might be an apple, pear, banana or satsuma. The fruit is provided free to all Reception and Key Stage One children.



In the afternoon, we have another snack, a piece of toast. Your parents will have given your teacher 50p a week for this.

## School Milk

Your milk is free until you are 5 years old because mum or dad will have completed the form at the first meeting.

If your mum and dad still want you to have milk when you are 5, it's easy, there is a form to complete but... they'll need to pay.



# Assemblies

Each day at school we all meet together for an assembly or a praise time.

Sometimes it will be with all the children in the school. At other times it will be the younger children in school or just your class.

You will be able to hear a story, sing songs or see a school performance

On Friday afternoons we have a Celebration Assembly when we share with other children and our parents, our special work (Gold Awards).



## Lunch Time

When you stay at school for your lunch you will eat it in the hall, at a table, with the rest of your class.



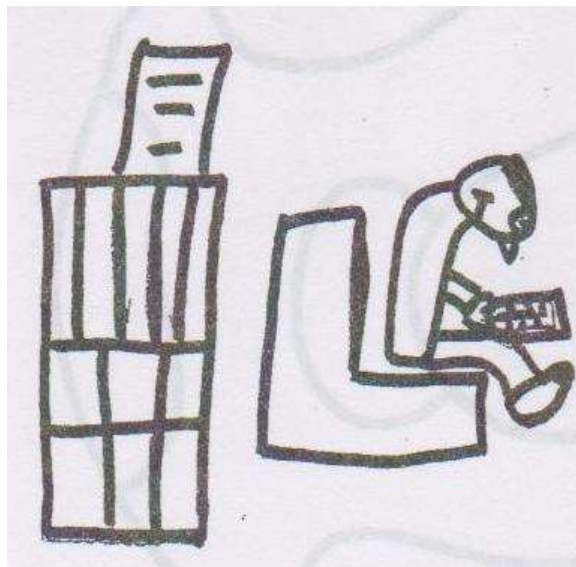
You can bring a packed lunch in a special box from home. Please make sure it has your name on, so you will not lose it. You may like to have a special cooked lunch from school instead which is free of any charge (Universal Free School Meals).

# What will you do at school?

## Reading

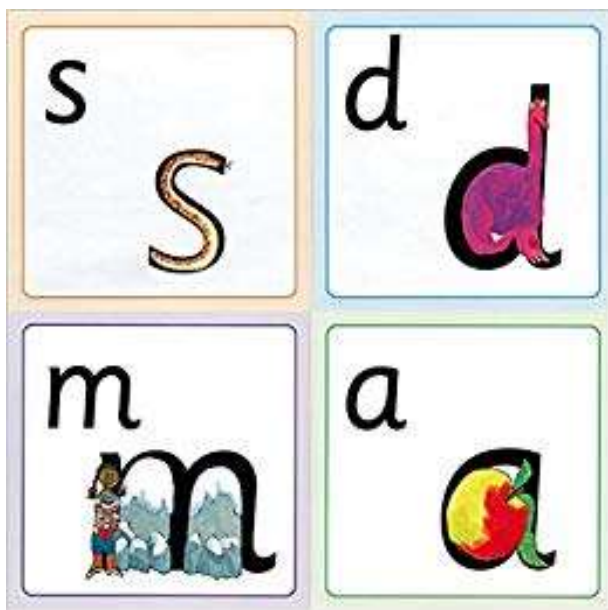
We hope you enjoy sharing books with your friends and families and will get to know lots of rhymes.

At school you hear stories every day. The book corner in your classroom is a special place to sit while you are looking at and reading books. There are books about everything- dinosaurs, pirates and trains, fairytales and puppy dogs and lots more besides.



## Phonics - Read Write Inc

At school we use Read Write Inc to help you to learn your letter sounds and names. For each sound you will learn the shape of the letter and an action to help you remember it. As you learn the sounds in school you will take home a sheet to help you say, recognise and write these sounds - your mum and dad will love to hear you practise.



You might like to play games like "I spy" with your family to help you too.

When you come to school you will begin to learn to read. You will read big books with your teacher and after a while you will take a book home. Initially you might just have pictures to read, which are great to look for clues and detail/description so you can tell a fantastic story. Some may have one or two words. It is important that you stay confident and try hard.

Our home reading books are from a scheme called Oxford Reading Tree. You will be able to turn the pages and point to the words as you read them.



At first you will remember the stories just by looking at the pictures. With lots of practise you will begin to use your phonics to help you sound out and blend the sounds in the words.

You will have a reading record diary to keep in your book bag. Your grown-up can write down when you read to them and how you got on.

Home Reading Record

Date	Title	Comment

## Writing

Writing is FUN! At school you will learn how to form your letters correctly and also how to write sentences.

It would be great if you could write your own name when you start school just using a capital letter at the start of it. Don't worry if you can't; you will soon learn at school.

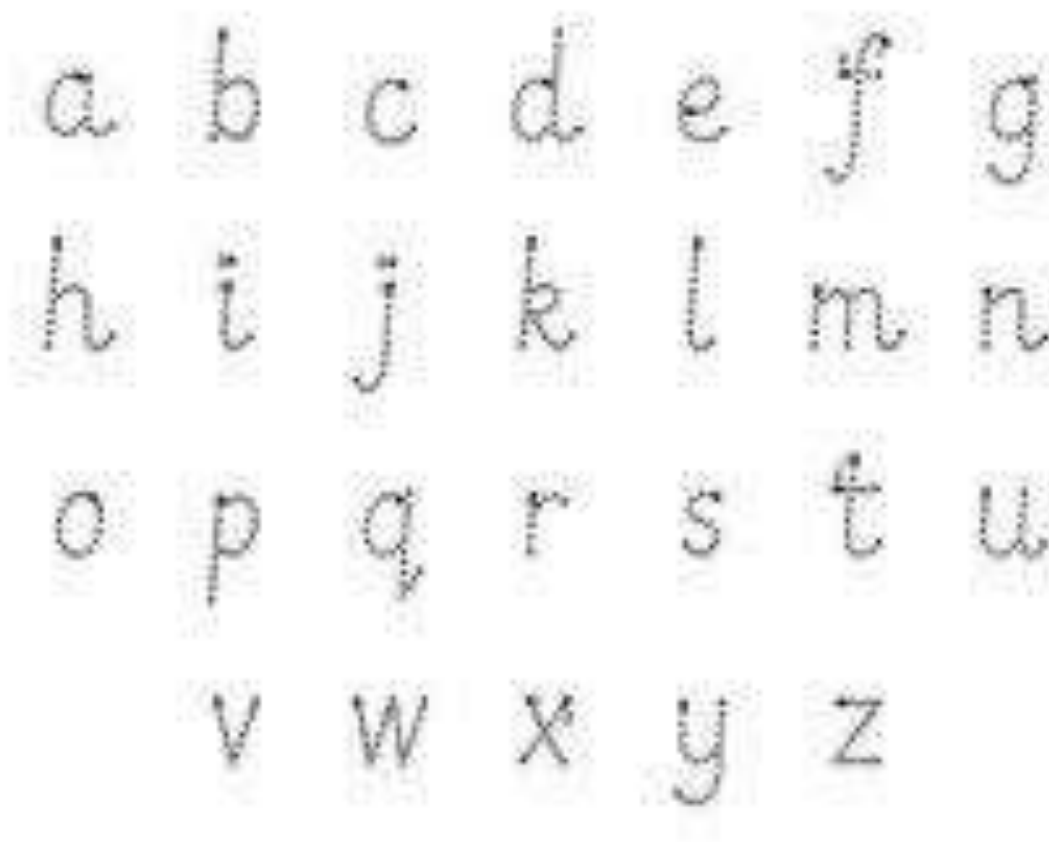
William

Ben

Chloe  
Joshua

We write while we play all the time; in the role play area, writing area and outside and on the writing table.

These are the letters that we use.



If you want to practise your name, use the letters above to help you.

**Only use a capital letter at the start**  
**of your first and second names**  
**please.**



When you have been at school a while you will begin to know, recognise and write the sounds you hear in words. Then you will quickly begin to write sentences too!

You will be able to do lots of other activities at school to help with your writing. These include tracing over pictures, drawing patterns, colouring, making models with plasticine and play dough, cutting and drawing.

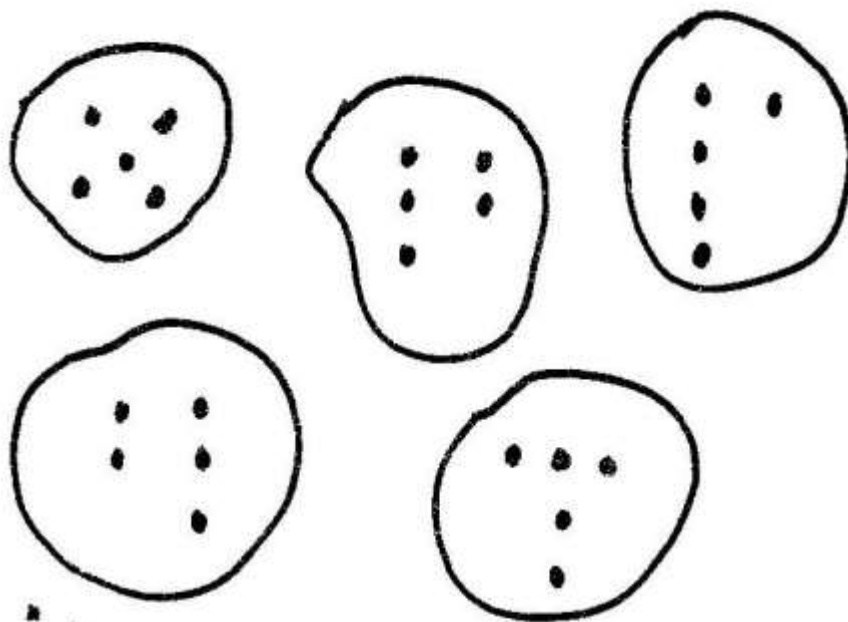


## Mathematics

Before you come to school you can do lots of things at home with your family that will help you with your maths:

- sort blocks by colour and size
- fit jigsaw puzzles together
- learn nursery rhymes and number songs such as "Five currant buns"
- play lots of games where you have to throw a dice and move along a board
- cooking - talk about which things are heavy and light, how much you need and counting and sharing
- talking about your family ..... who is the youngest, oldest, tallest or shortest
- talk about time using words such as morning, night, yesterday, tomorrow and next week
- at bath time look at which things float or sink; is the bath full or empty?

- when you are getting dressed look at things you put on first and last, which is the back and front, how many buttons have you got?
- at meal times you can lay the table and make sure you have enough knives and forks.
- when you go shopping you can look at the numbers and look at coins. You can look at the shape, size and colour of the boxes.



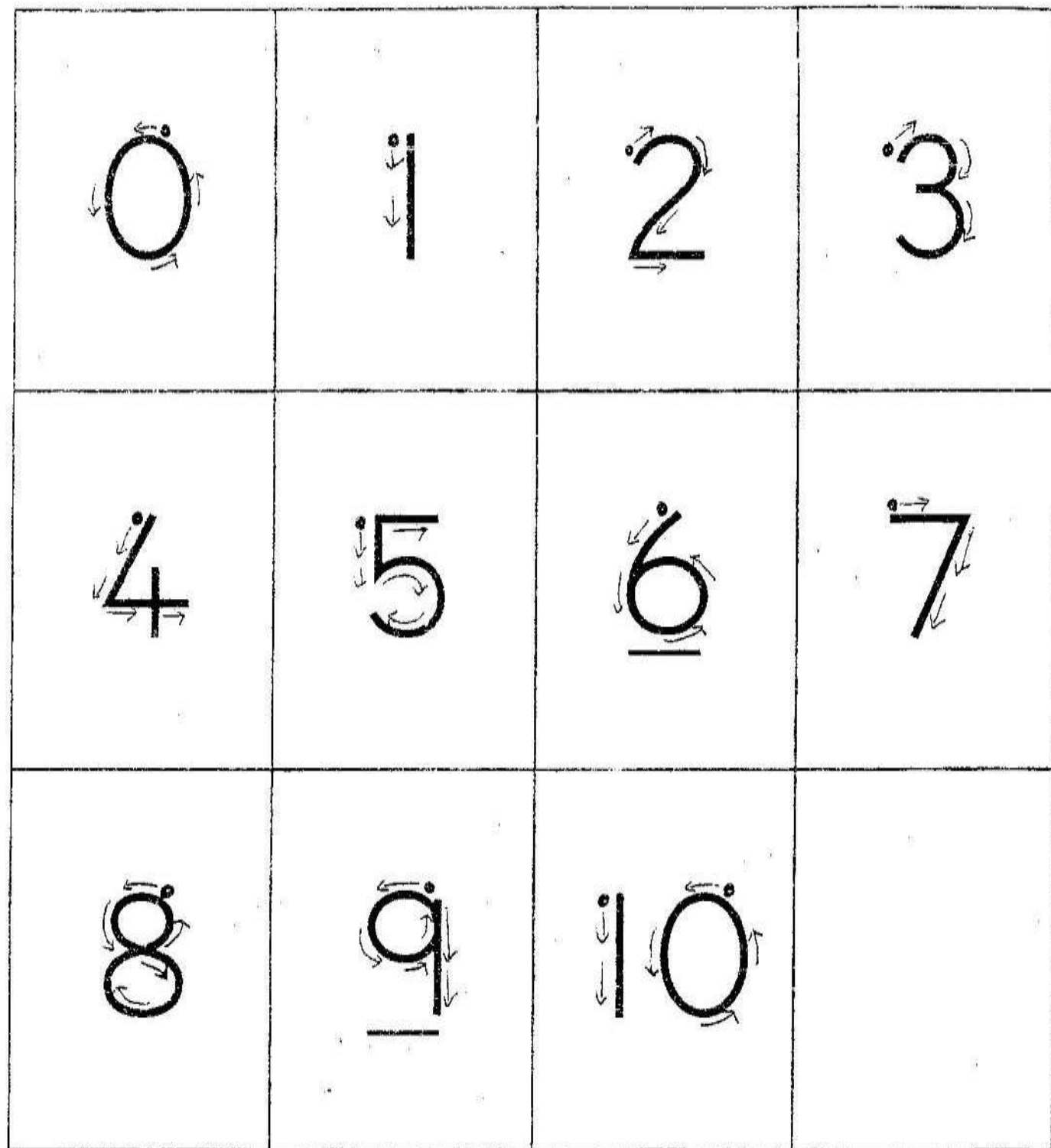
"five currant buns in  
a baker's shop.."

At school we will do lots of mathematical activities. You will do lots of exciting things, such as measuring, weighing, looking at shapes, making models, following directions and using the computer.



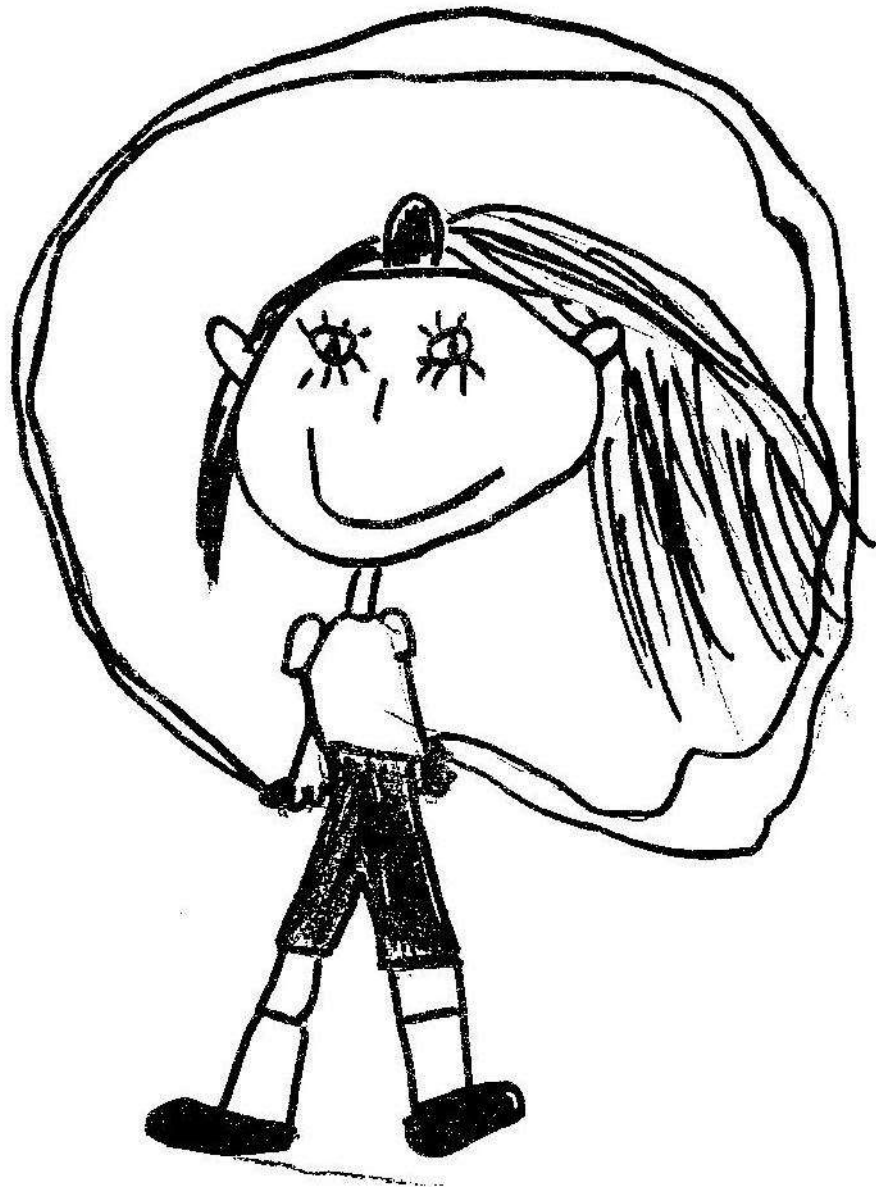
Can you count ten toys when you tidy up?

This is how we write our numbers



## PE

At school you will be able to do PE. Your PE kit should be black shorts, a blue TPA T-shirt. You will also need black slip on pumps.



You can bring your kit in a PE bag and leave it at school until the holidays.

PE can be dancing to music, simple gymnastics using climbing equipment and games with hoops, ropes and balls.

When you get changed for PE you should be able to take off and put on most of your clothes by yourself. Your teacher will help you with things you find hard. Do practice getting changed at home over the summer holidays.

Your PE kit and all of your other clothes should have your name sewn in so that they don't get lost or mixed up with someone else's, as everyone's kit looks the same!

If you wear earrings, they will need removing on PE days unless you can take them out by yourself. Your teacher is not allowed to do this for you.

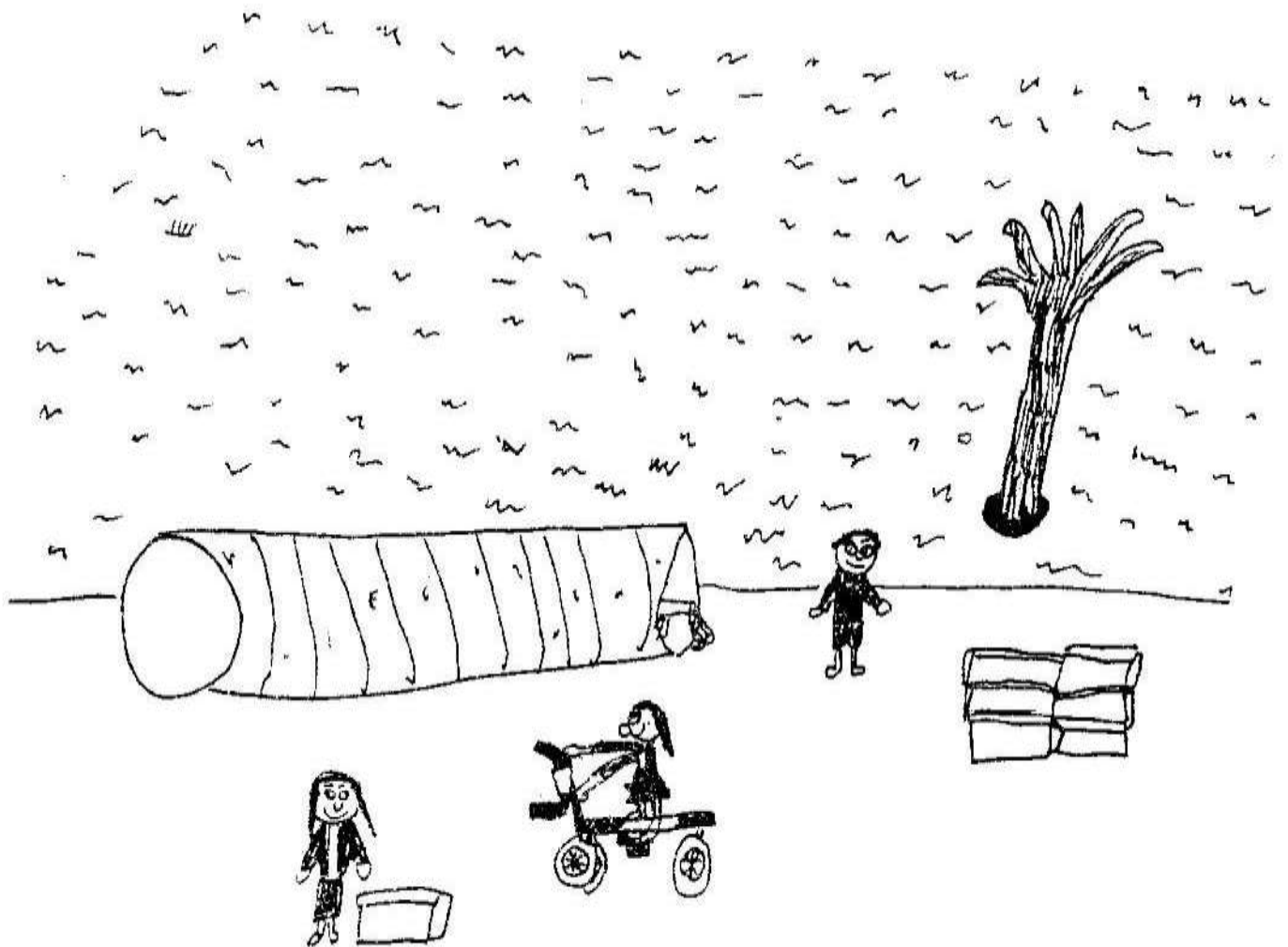
## Activity Time (free flow)

At school there are lots of things for you to play with. Here are some of the things you will find:

- dressing up clothes so that you can be a doctor, a princess, a policeman or policewoman or a fire-fighter.
- puppets and a puppet show
- construction kits to make large models using nuts and bolts
- large and small building blocks and lots of other things to make models
- a farm with buildings and lots of animals
- games and jigsaws
- plasticine and playdough
- a sand tray and a water tray
- a dolls' house
- a garage with play people



- a computer with lots of interesting programmes
- trikes , scooters and tunnels
- sand pit



## Messy Activities

At school you will be able to do lots of "messy" things. You can paint, stick, make models, use clay and play in the sand and the water.



## Home Time

You go home at 3.10pm. Your Mum, Dad or someone else you know should wait for you in the front playground. Your teacher will make sure they see your grown-up before you can go. Sometimes your grown-up may be a few minutes late. Don't worry; you can wait safely with your teacher until they come.



If your grown-up is busy and another adult must collect you - you will not be handed over without a password.

We will take lots of photographs of you and write about all the great things you do in school. We will let your parents know how fabulous you are with your learning at the Parents' Evenings where they can see all your books and hard work. We hope you will bring in some things from home to share all the wonderful learning you do with your family. Your parents might write a Wow postcard so we can share your Wow moment.



We hope this booklet has helped you and your family to know what will happen when you start school.



Remember, when you come to school you will learn lots of new things and have lots of fun with your teachers and your new friends.

We look forward to seeing you on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019.

Have a great summer!

*Mrs Machin, Mrs Ashton-Marsh, Miss Long*