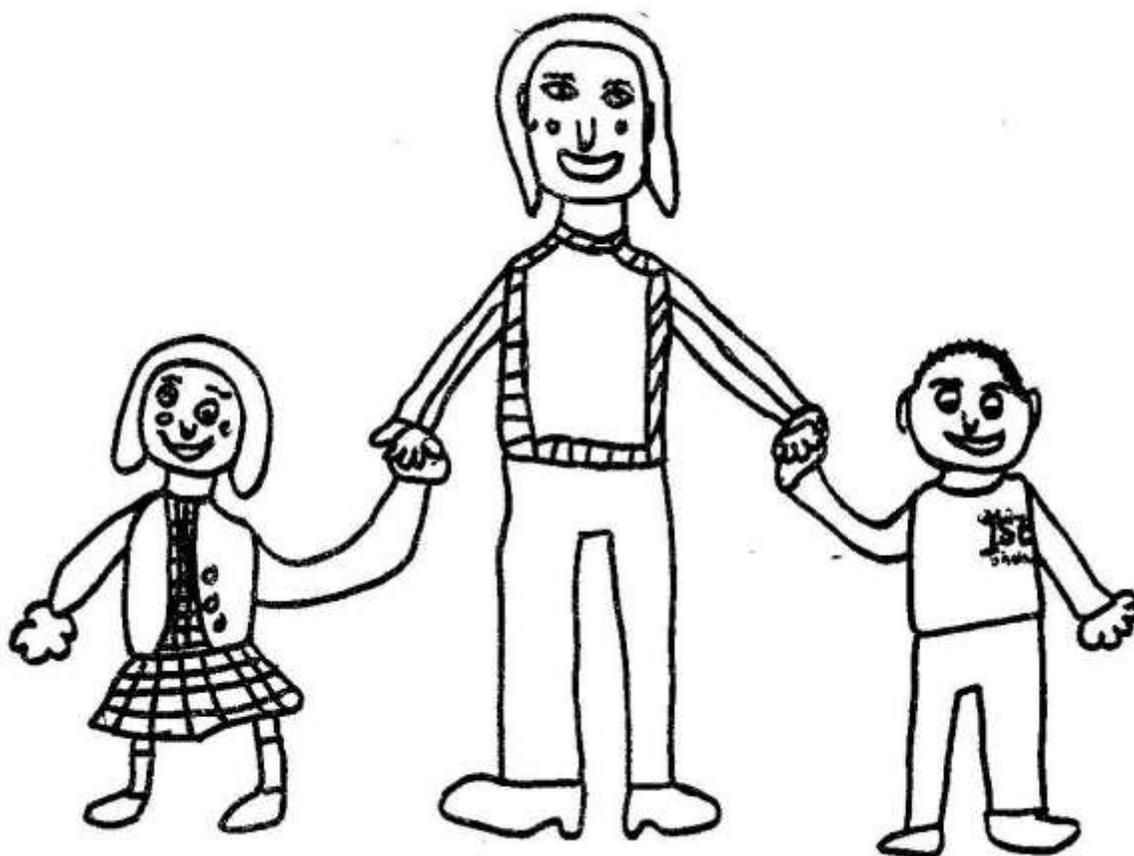


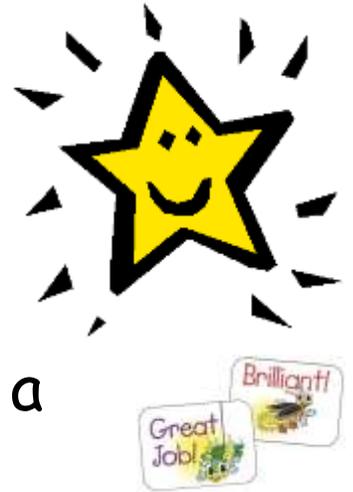
# Welcome to Langham Village School

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.



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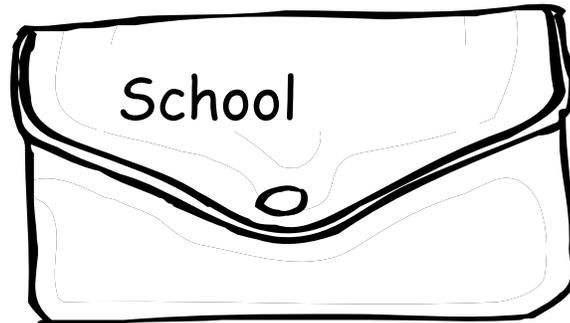
On a Friday we have a special assembly for our Learning Heroes. If you get chosen to be a Learning Hero for trying really hard with your learning you will have a certificate to take home. You can also put marbles in the pot.



## Your Things

You will have your own coat peg with your name and a picture on it. You can hang your coat and PE kit bag here. There will be a rack to put your own wellington boots on.

Letters for home will go in your book bag together with your school reading book when you have one.



### Arriving in the morning

When you come to school you will wait just outside your classroom with your grown-up. Your teacher will be in the classroom from 8:30am when you can come in with your grown up.



## Morning Snack

During the morning you will be able to have a drink of water and some fruit.

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



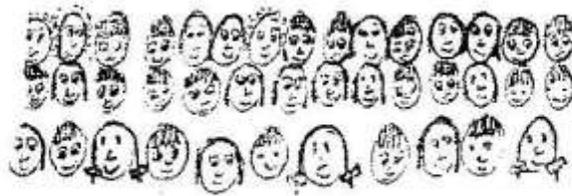
# Assemblies

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, say a prayer and sing a hymn or a song.

On Friday afternoons we have a Celebration Assembly when we share with other children our special work.



## 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 or a school packed lunch instead, this

will be free and you can choose what you would like to have from the menu

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## What will you do at school?

### Reading

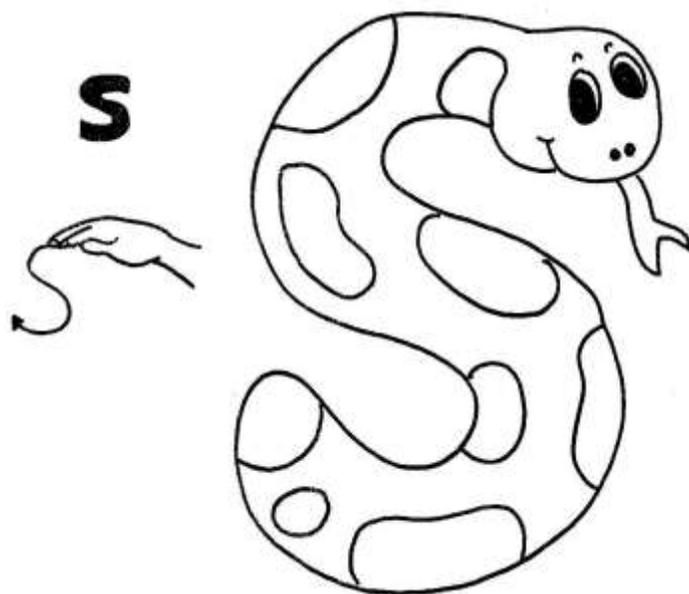
We hope you enjoy sharing books with your friends and families and are getting to know lots of rhymes.

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

At school we use Jolly Phonics 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, help your families, say and recognise these sounds.



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.

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.



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At first you will remember the stories just by looking at the pictures. With lots of practice 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 book 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, outside and on the writing table.

These are the letters that we use. All the small letters start on 'the line'.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee

Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj

Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo

Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt

Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy

Zz

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, cutting and drawing.

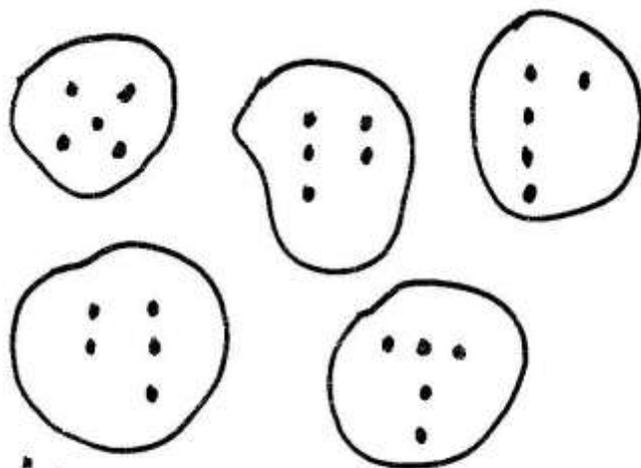


## Mathematics

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.



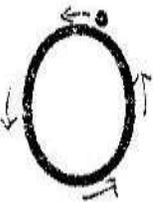
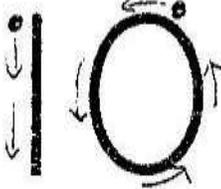
"five currant buns in a baker's shop.."

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.



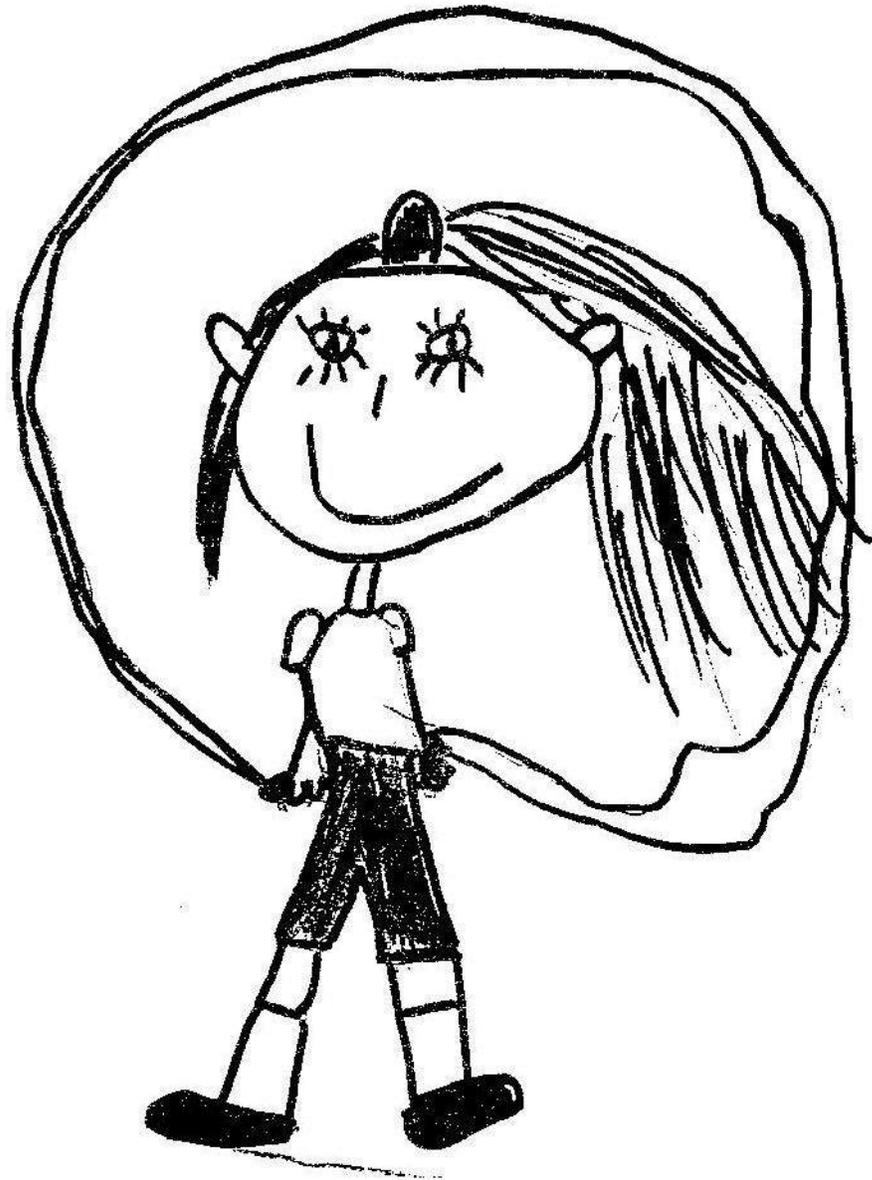
Can you count ten toys when you tidy up?

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 T-shirt. You will also need black slip on pumps or trainers.



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 your clothes by yourself. Your teacher will help you with things you find hard. Do practice getting changed at home.

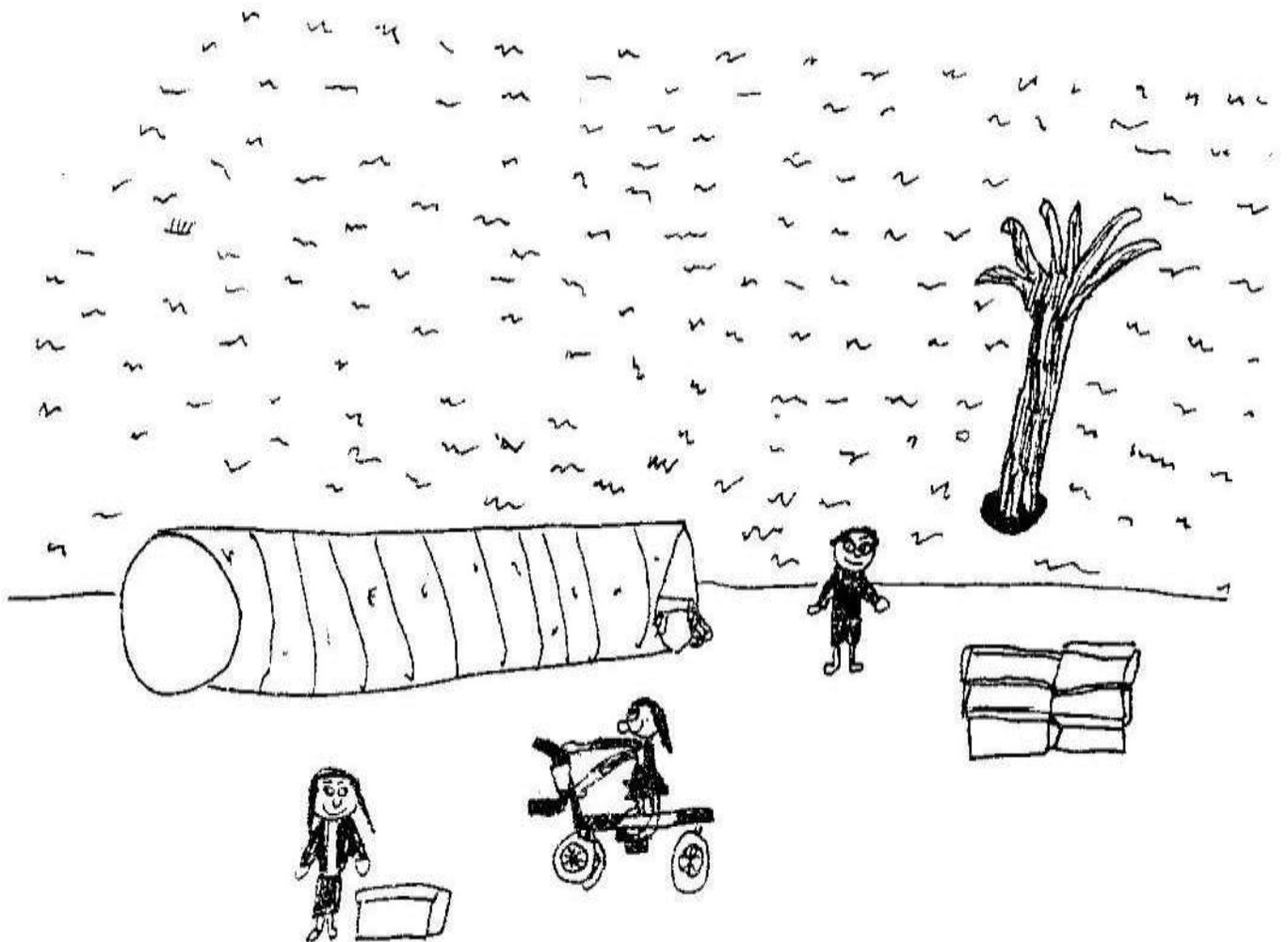
Your PE kit and all of your other clothes should have your name sewn in so that they don't get lost or mixed up with someone else's, as everyone's kit looks the same!

## Activity Time

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

- a play house outside, which can also be changed into a hospital, a shop or police station.
- 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 cars
- a computer with lots of interesting programmes
- trikes , scooters , tunnels and a see-saw
- digging area and mud kitchen.



## 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.

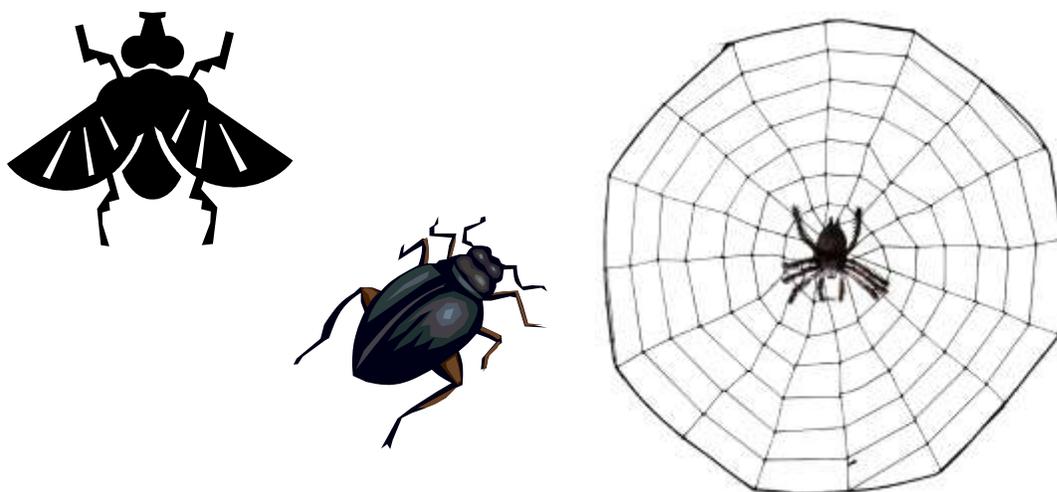


We have aprons at school to keep your uniform clean and also to keep you dry when you play in the water.

## Woodland Learning

You will do Forest Schools, we call this Woodland Learning. On Woodland Learning day you will bring to school some of your old clothes and a waterproof coat so you keep warm and dry. **Please bring a pair of wellingtons to leave in school.** You will wear these in Forest School and for outdoor learning.

At school we have waterproof dungarees which we wear when it is wet.



We do lots of different things in Forest School. We look for minibeasts, climb trees, make mud pictures, looking for

dinosaur bones...lots of exciting and adventurous things.

## Home Time

You go home at 3.10pm. Your adult should wait for you outside your classroom. 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.



## Early Years Foundation Stage Profile

When you have been at school a few weeks, your teacher will invite your grown-ups into school for a little "chat ". We will talk about all the different things you can do. These include looking at books, getting dressed, tidying up, colouring, counting and playing with other children. All these things make up your "Early Years Foundation Stage Profile".

Each term your grown-up will be invited to a Parents' Evening. They will be able to talk to your teacher about the progress you have made since the "Profile" meeting. They may be asked to help by doing special things at home with you.



We will take lots of photographs of you and write about all the great things you do in school too. These will go onto a programme called 'Tapastry'. We hope you will share things from home about all the wonderful learning you do with your family. This will go into 'Tapestry' too!



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.