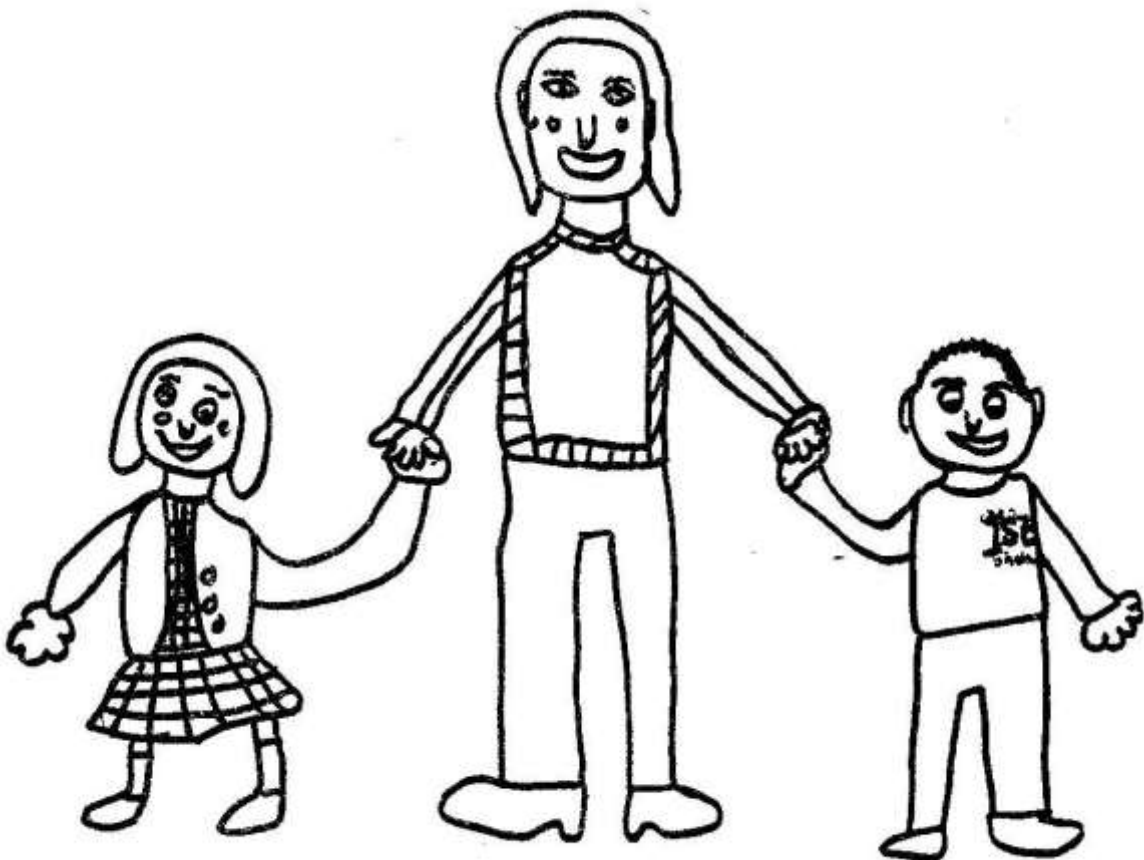


# Welcome to Langham Village School

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.



## You are Special

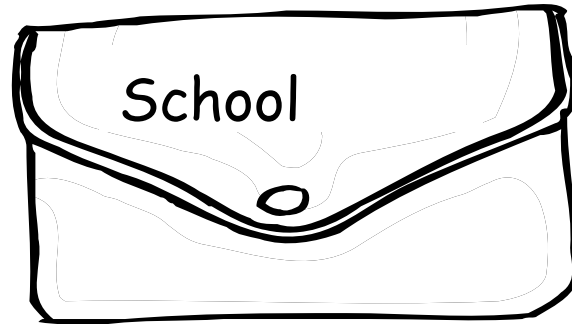
On a Monday morning we have a special assembly for our Learning Heroes. If you get chosen to be a Learning Hero for trying really hard with your learning you will have a certificate to take home. You can also put marbles in the pot.



## Your things

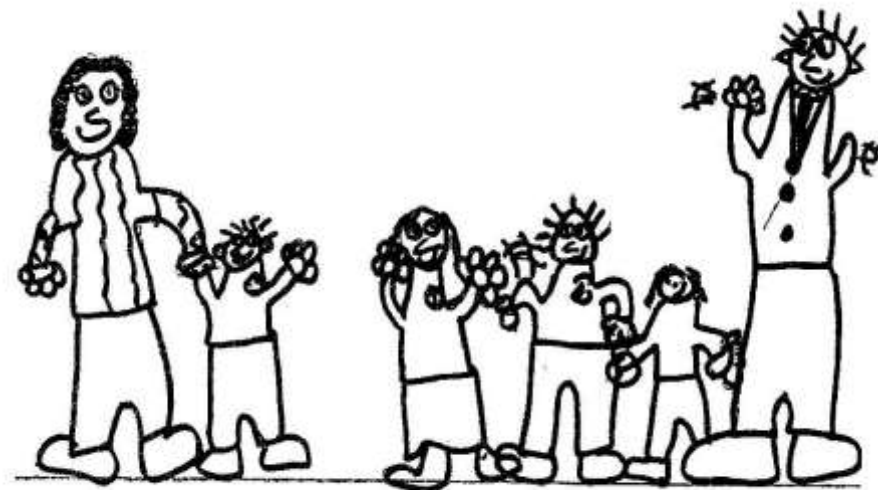
You will have your own coat peg with your name on it. You can hang your coat and bag here. There will be a rack too of wellington boots, you can bring your own if you like.

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 your teacher will meet you at the classroom gate from 8:30am 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.



## 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.

# 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.

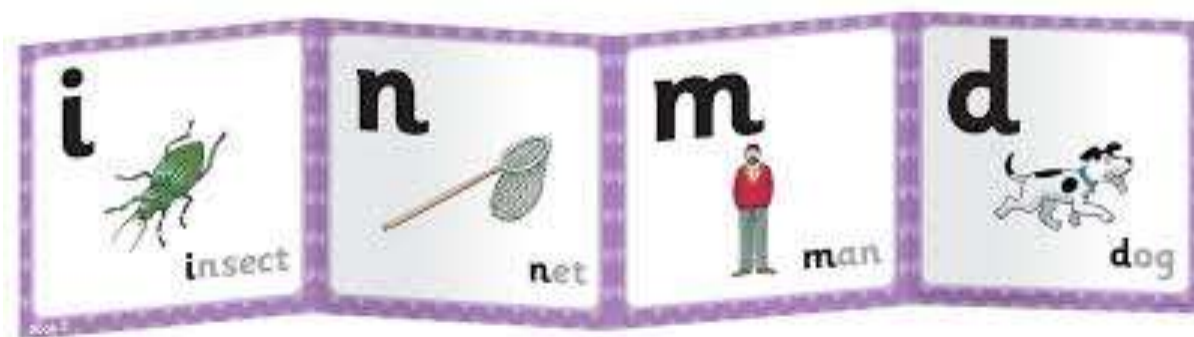
At school you hear stories every day. The book corner in your classroom is a special place to sit while you are looking at and reading books. There are books about everything- dinosaurs, pirates and trains, fairy tales and animals and lots more.



## Phonics

At school we use Phonics to help you to learn your letter sounds and names. 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 books with your teacher and after a while you will take a book home.

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 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

Chloë  
Joshua

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.

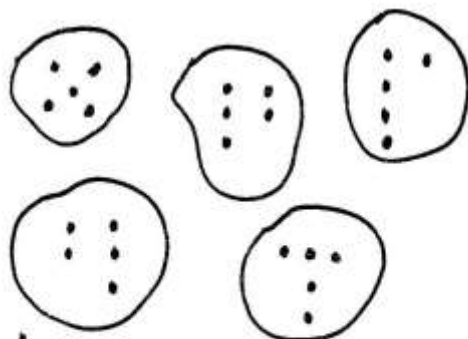


## Mathematics

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.



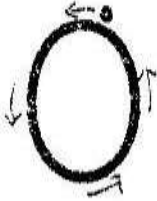









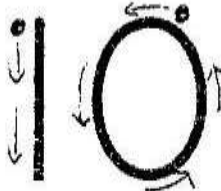
"five currant buns in a baker's shop.."

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 and blue or white T-shirt. You will also need trainers and a black or navy track suit when it is cold.

You can come to school in your PE kit on PE days.



Your PE kit and all of your other clothes should have your name in so that they don't get lost or mixed up with someone else's.

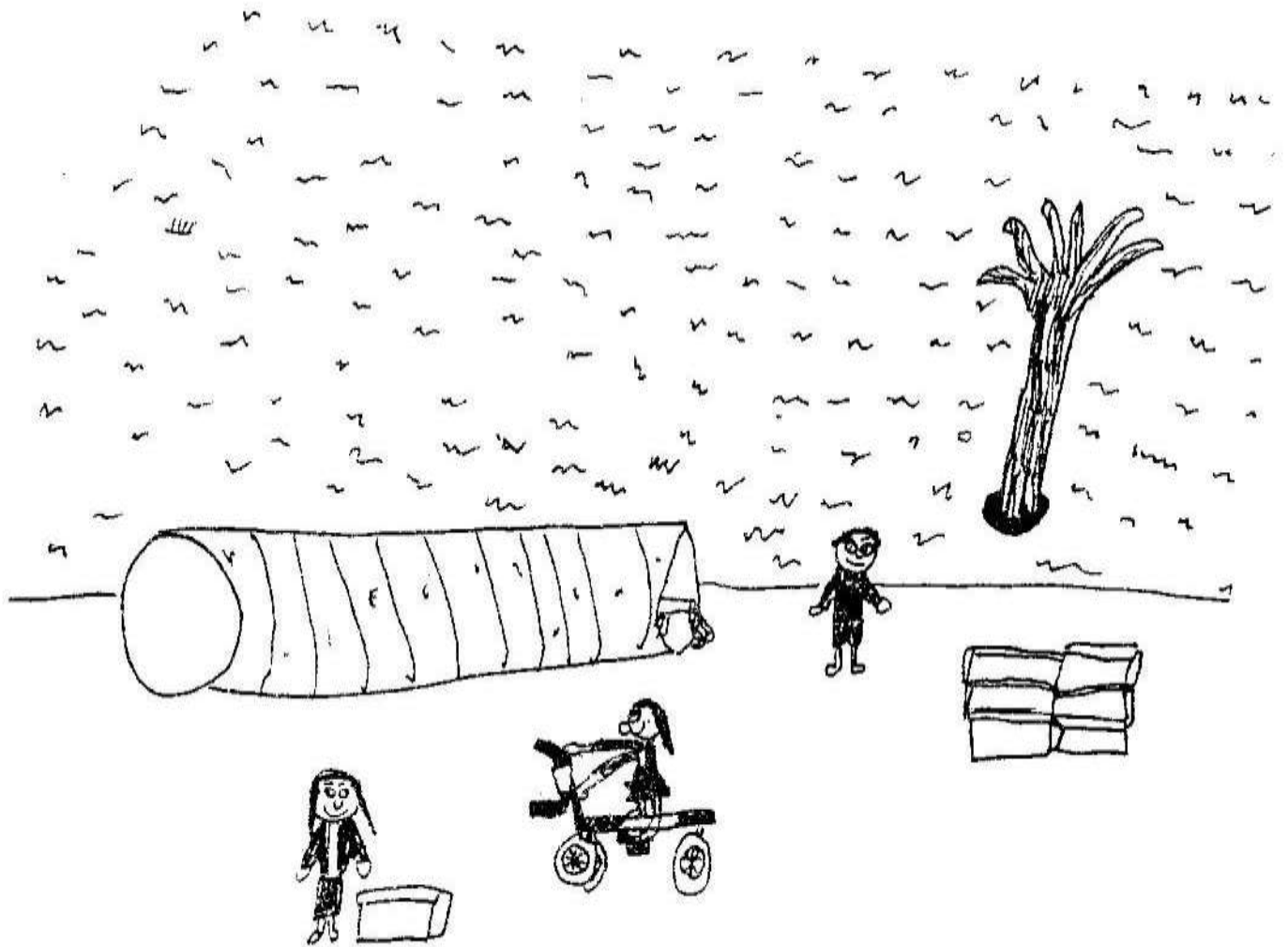


## Activity Time

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

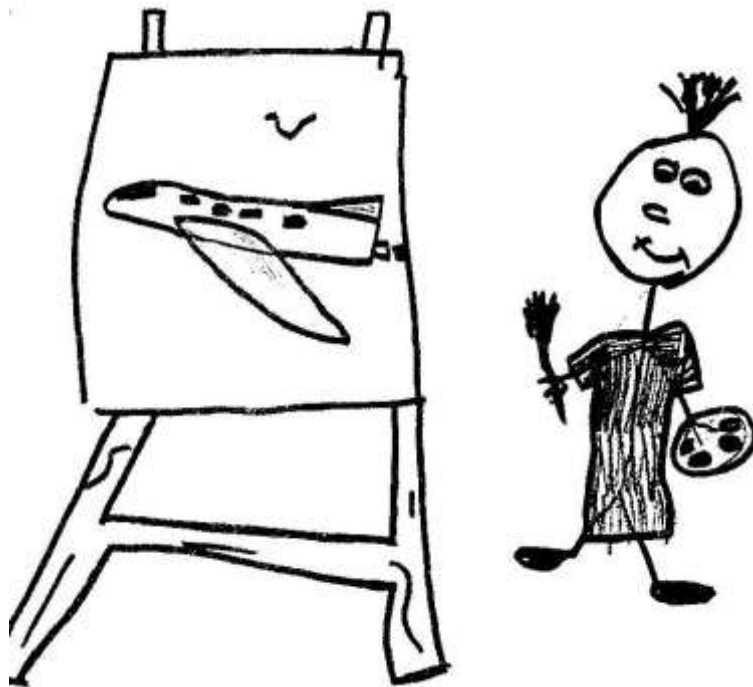
- a play house outside, which can also be changed into a hospital, a shop or police station.
- dressing up clothes so that you can be a doctor, a princess, a police officer or a fire-fighter.
- puppets and a puppet show
- large and small building blocks and lots of other things to make models
- a farm with buildings and lots of animals
- games and jigsaws
- plasticine and playdough
- a sand pit and a water tray
- a dolls' house
- a garage with cars

- a computer with lots of interesting programmes
- balance bikes
- digging area and mud kitchen.



## Messy Activities

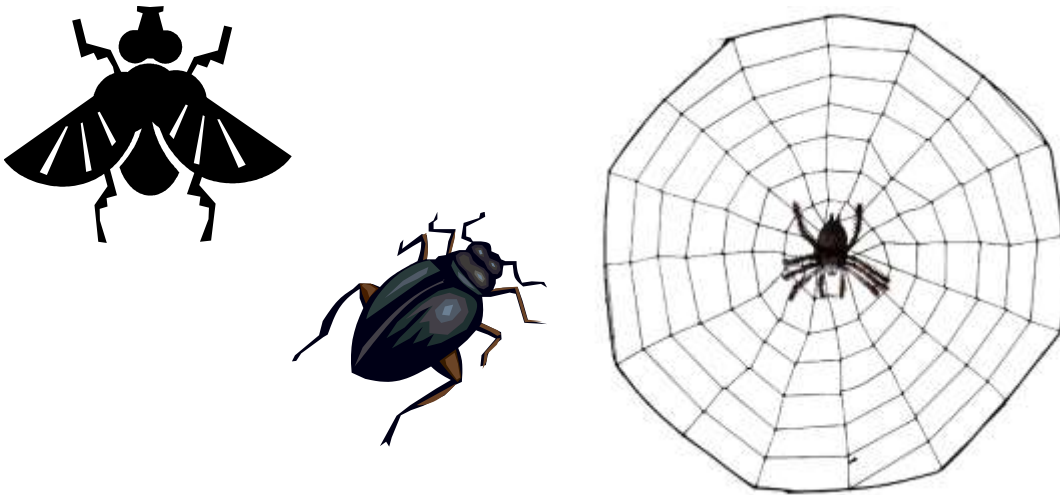
At school you will be able to do lots of "messy" things. You can paint, stick, make models, use clay and play in the sand and the water.



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

# Outdoor Learning

You will do lots of our learning outside.  
You will need a waterproof coat and wellies so you keep warm and dry.



We do lots of different things outside.  
We look for mini beasts, make dens, make mud pictures, dig for dinosaur bones...lots of exciting and adventurous things.

## Home Time

You go home at 3.15pm. Your adult will wait for you outside the 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

When you have been at school a few weeks, your teacher will invite your grown-ups into school for a meeting. 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.

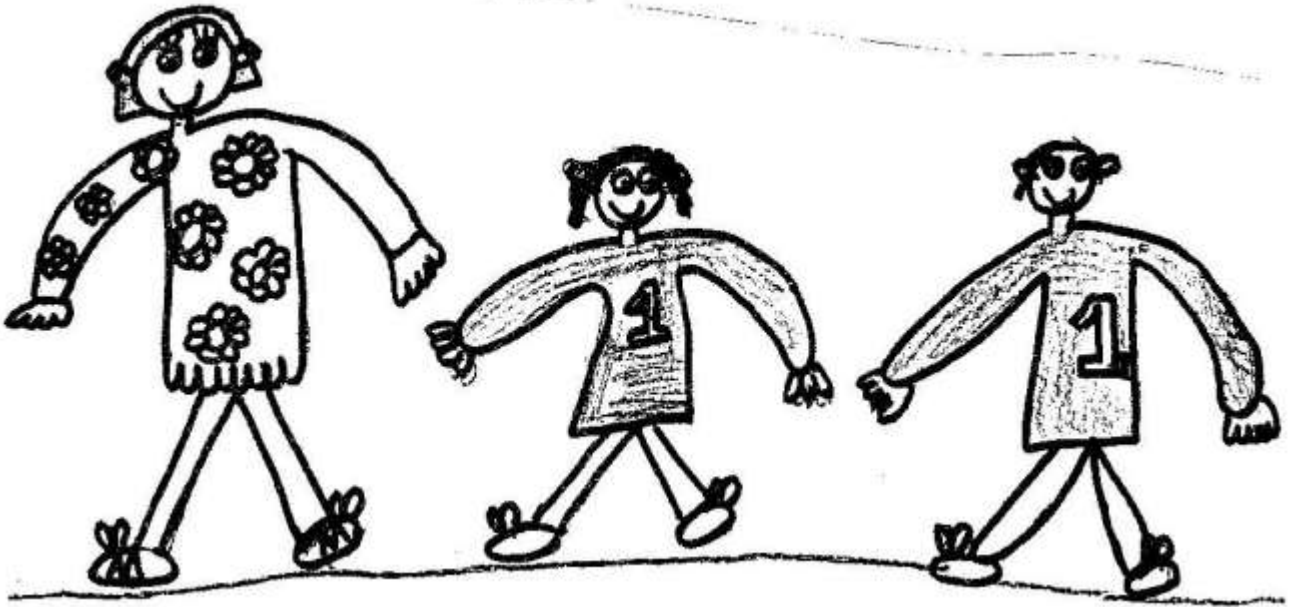
Each term your grown-up will be invited to a Parents' Evening. They will be able to talk to your teacher about the progress you have made. They may be asked to help by doing special things at home with you.



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.