

**Harry, Aisha and Sam are coming
to Elckerlyc International School**



What happens when I come into school?

On your first day, your grown-ups will say goodbye to you at the gate. Adults from school will be waiting to welcome you into school. Everyone here is friendly.

In school, you will take off your coat and change shoes: you will wear comfortable plimsols, soft shoes or slippers.



Aisha changes her shoes while Sam hangs up his coat on a peg.

"I'm pleased I practised putting on my shoes before I started school. It is easy to do now," says Aisha.

You will sit at the tables to do fun activities such as puzzles or colouring. The children are having fun colouring with crayons.

We have lots of fun activities at school, but some activities, such as crafts, sand, and water play, can be messy, so it is a good idea to wear clothes that your grown-ups can wash easily.

"I'm drawing a red car," says Harry.



Are you looking forward to coming to Elckerlyc?

What will I do in school?

You will learn as you play and make friends with other children. Sometimes, you will do an activity with the teacher, but most of the time, you will choose what you would like to do. There will be lots of opportunities to explore the environment, be curious, and use your imagination.



Sam and Harry are having fun playing with the animals.

“Hello, Mr Horse,” Sam says to Harry. **“Let’s play with the other animals.”**

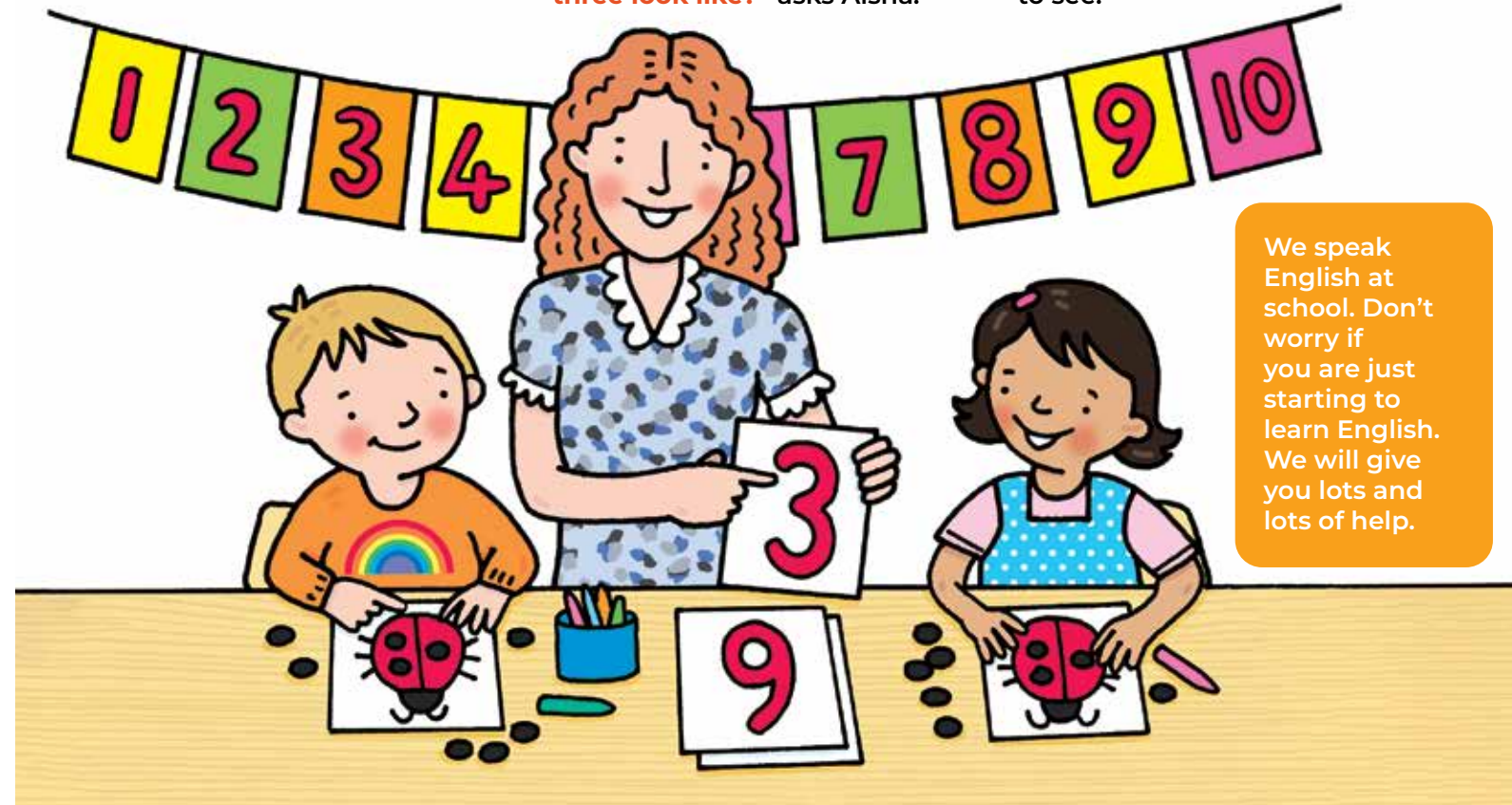
There are lots of activities for you to enjoy at school, such as

- Music
- PE
- Dutch
- Number work
- Art
- Craft
- Phonics
- Library

Harry and Aisha are learning their numbers with their teacher.

“I have three spots on my ladybird. What does the number three look like?” asks Aisha.

The teacher holds up the number three card for Aisha to see.



We speak English at school. Don't worry if you are just starting to learn English. We will give you lots and lots of help.

What do you like playing with your friends?

What if I am hungry or thirsty?



At mid-morning playtime, you can have a healthy snack you brought from home.

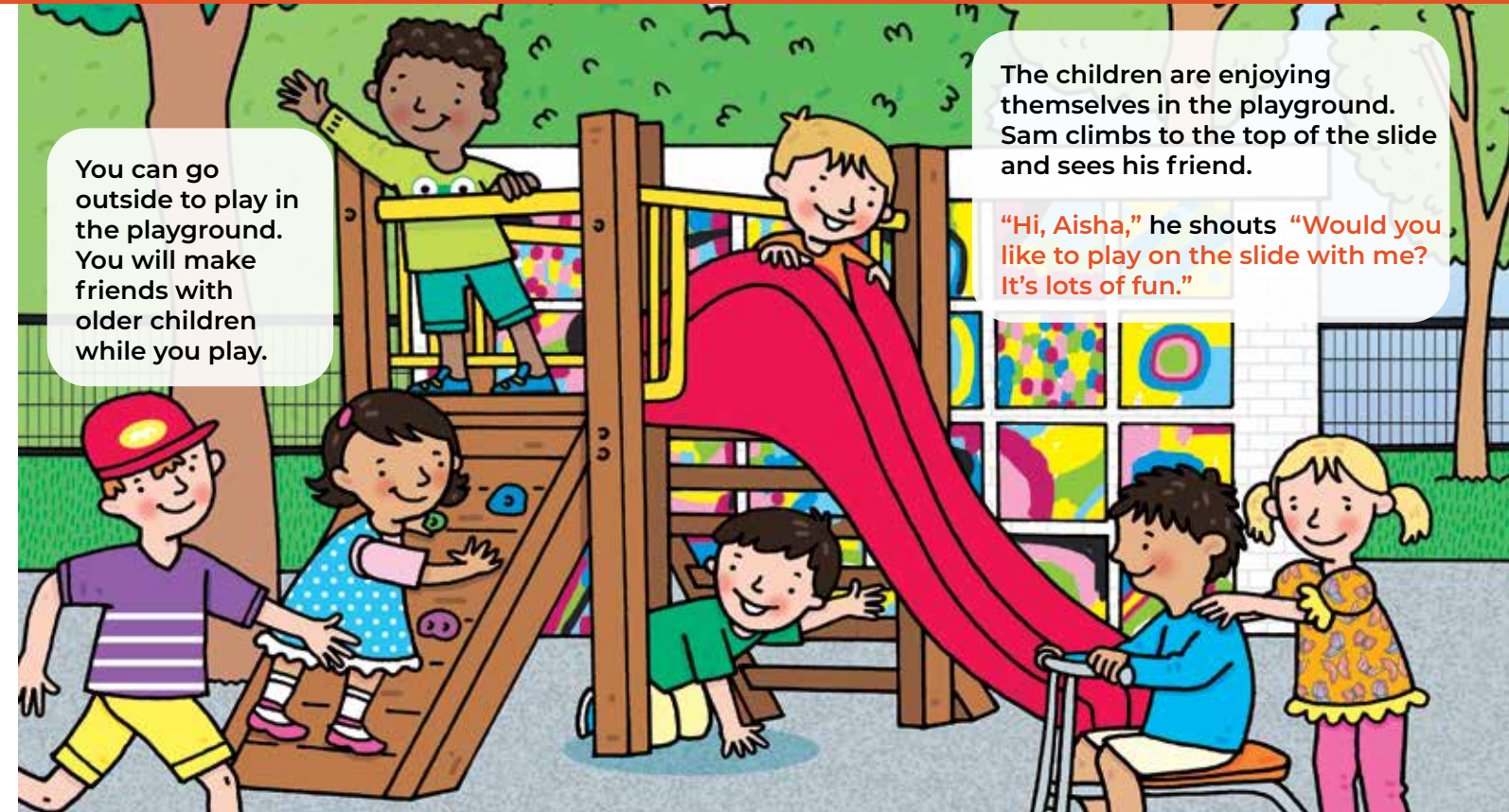
At lunchtime, you will wash your hands before you sit down in the classroom to eat. Then, you will get your lunchbox and have the healthy lunch you brought to school.

"I have an apple," says Aisha. **"They are my favourite because they are sweet, juicy, crunchy, and good for you."**

There will be kind lunchtime supervisors who will look after you. They are usually parents of children who come to our school.

Everyone is kind and helpful at lunchtime.

What happens when I have eaten my lunch?



You can go outside to play in the playground. You will make friends with older children while you play.

The children are enjoying themselves in the playground. Sam climbs to the top of the slide and sees his friend.

"Hi, Aisha," he shouts **"Would you like to play on the slide with me? It's lots of fun."**

What if I need the toilet?



The toilets are next to the classroom, so they are easy to find. Everything in there is the right size for you.

You will go to the toilet by yourself.

It is a good idea to practise using the toilet before you start school. If you need any help, just ask an adult.

Sam has been to the toilet and remembers to flush it when he finishes, so it is clean for the other children.

He is washing his hands with soap and water.

“Bye, bye germs,” he says. “I’m going to dry my hands next, so they are not wet when I go back to the classroom.”

Skills for school

Aisha is good at putting her coat on by herself because she has had lots of practise at home.

You can practise some things at home so that they are easy to do by yourself when you start school.

At home, you can practise:

- Taking your shoes off and putting them on
- Taking your coat off and putting it on
- Fastening your zips and buttons by yourself
- Going to the toilet by yourself
- Washing and drying your hands
- Holding a book and turning the pages.

Harry is sitting quietly, looking at his book.

“I love books. I have lots of books at home, and I love looking at the pictures,” he says.



What happens at the end of the day?



Before home-time, you will sit on the carpet to listen to your teacher read you a story. Today's book is about the pets we can have at home.

The children sit quietly and listen to the teacher.

"I wonder who owns this cat," says the teacher. **"Let's turn the page and find out."**



Aisha, Sam and Harry's parents are happy to see them.

When it is time to go home, you will change into your shoes and put on your coat. The teacher will take you to the gate where your grown-up will be waiting to take you home or to afterschool.

"I've had lots of fun today," Harry tells his mum. **"I can't wait to come back tomorrow!"**

Are you excited about starting school?

Sam, Harry and Aisha love coming to Elckerlyc International School, and they think you will too!



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