

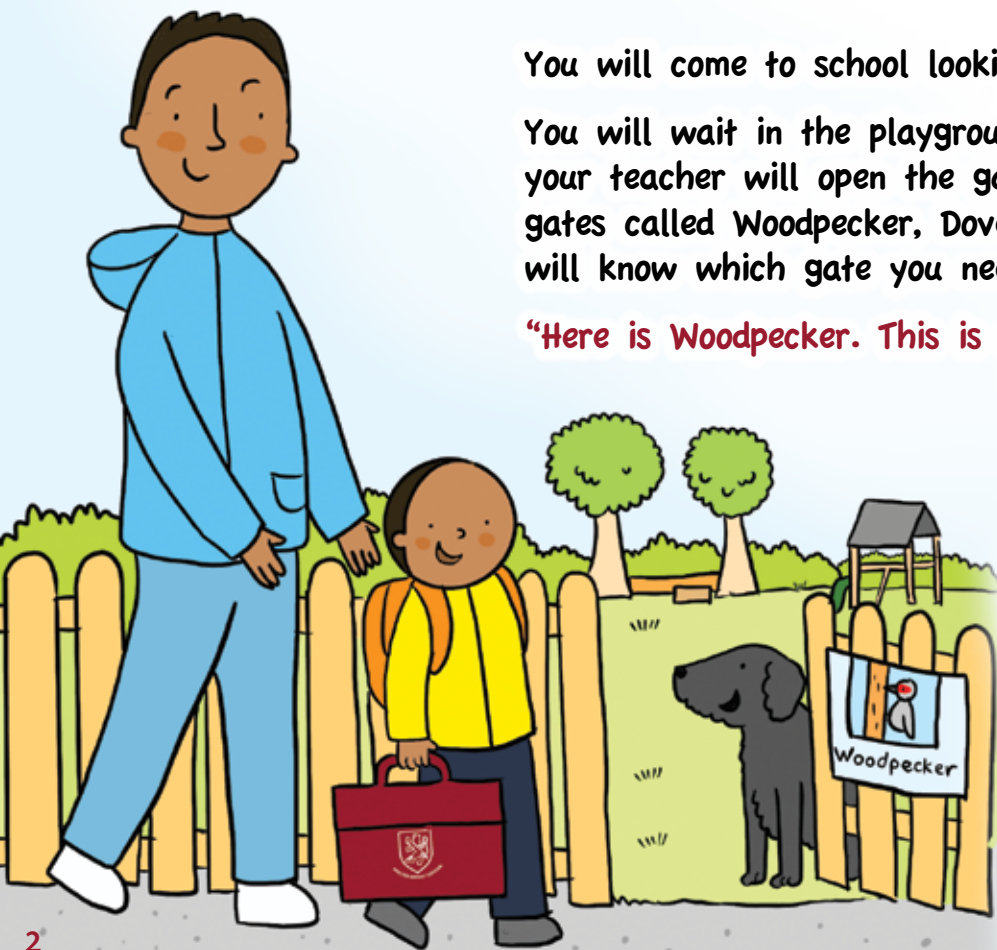
Mohammed, Bella and Jamal are excited to
be starting at Walter Infant School and Nursery

To be the best I can be



Look out for Walter, our black labradoodle, throughout this book

What happens when I get to school?



You will come to school looking very smart in your uniform.

You will wait in the playground with your grown-up and your teacher will open the gate. There are three school gates called Woodpecker, Dove and Magpie. Your grown-up will know which gate you need to go through.

"Here is Woodpecker. This is my gate," says Mohammed.

In your class, you will hang your coat on your peg, which will have your photo on it. You will put your book bag in your tray, which will have your name on it. Your water bottle goes in another tray and if you have a lunch bag, that goes on the shelf.

You will then find your bird with your name on and hang it on the special tree.



"I'm putting my Dove just here," says Jamal.

"I will put my purple water bottle in the tray so I don't lose it," says Bella.



"My tray is right at the top," says Mohammed.

It will then be time to sit on the carpet with all your friends, ready to start the day.

Are you excited about starting school?

What will I do at school?

During the school day, you will do lots of different activities, inside and outside. You can choose what you would like to do. You will make lots of friends and learn as you play.

These are some of the fun things you can do at school:

- Drawing and writing
- Solving problems
- Puzzles
- Construction
- Small world play
- Water play
- Sand play
- Role play
- Home corner
- Music and singing
- Reading
- Counting



Bella and Jamal are having a tea party. "Would you like some more tea?" asks Jamal. "Oh yes, please, with milk and sugar," says Bella.

It looks like Walter is joining them for tea too!

Mohammed is reading. "I love to read books about wizards and dragons," he says.

We also have tough trays full of exciting activities for the different topics we will be learning about at school.

Everyone loves to play outside. There are lots of fun activities to do in the playground.



Bella is pretending she is an explorer and Mohammed loves bouncing around on the Space Hoppers!

What are you looking forward to doing at school?

What if I am hungry or thirsty?

If you are feeling hungry at school, you can help yourself to a healthy fruit or vegetable snack during snack times.

If you are thirsty, you will get some milk to drink and you can also use your water bottle whenever you need it.

“Bananas are my favourite fruit. I love to peel them,” says Mohammed.



“I love the sound crunchy apples make,” says Bella.



“I love a drink of water when I am thirsty after playing,” says Jamal.



At lunchtime, you will go to the school hall. If you are having a hot lunch from school, you will sit nicely on a bench, in a queue, to get your food.

You will get a coloured wristband to wear. This is to show the grown-ups what food you have chosen. You will also get a coloured plate.

If you are having a packed lunch from home, you will bring this to the school hall. Everyone sits together to eat lunch.

If you need any help, just ask the kind grown-ups. Remember to say “please” and “thank you” and use your cutlery.



“I’m so pleased I practised using my knife and fork at home because now I know what to do at school,” says Bella.

When you have had your lunch, you can go outside and play.

What is your favourite food?

What if I need the toilet?



You can go to the toilet at any time throughout the day. Every classroom has its own toilet, so you won't have far to go.

Jamal needs to go to the toilet, so he asks the teacher, "Please can I go to the toilet?"

"Yes, of course. We will see you back here soon," she says.

"It's so easy to use the toilets at school as everything is small and easy for me to reach," says Jamal.

After you have been to the toilet, wash your hands with soap and water and dry them well. This will make sure your hands are clean and germ-free, before you go back into the classroom.

Jamal is so happy that he practised going to the toilet on his own at home so he knew what to do at school.

If you have a toilet accident, don't worry. Accidents do happen. Just tell a teacher, who will be there to help you get clean and dry.



Can you use the toilet by yourself?

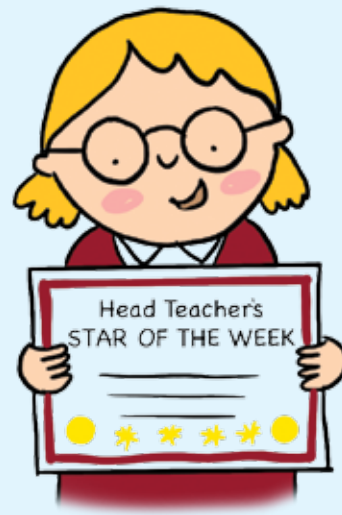
What happens at the end of the day?

At the end of a fun day at school, you will sit with your friends on the carpet for story time. This is a nice, relaxing time after a busy day.



Every week, the teacher will choose a pupil as 'star of the week' and they will get a special toy to take home for the weekend.

"I can't wait to tell my mum and dad that I am star of the week," says Bella.



You will then put your coat on, collect your book bag and belongings and line-up ready to go home.

Your teacher will call you up to go home once they see your grown-up is here.

If someone different to your usual grown-up is picking you up, they will have a special password so your teacher knows it is OK for you to go home with them.

Mohammed's dad has picked him up from school.

"I have had such a fun day," says Mohammed.
"I will tell you all about it on the way home."



When are you starting school?

**Jamal, Bella and Mohammed
love coming to Walter Infant
School and Nursery and they
think you will too!**



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