



Megan, Sarah and Jack are coming to Shotley Primary. They are going to be in Ladybird class.



Megan is holding our class mascot, Best Bear. How many times can you spot Best Bear in this book?



What happens when I get to school?

Shotley Primary is a small and friendly school. Everyone makes friends very quickly and we all look after each other.

When you arrive at school, you will go to the playground with your grown-ups. When the door opens at 8.45am, you can say "goodbye" to your grown-ups and walk into school with your friends.

"Goodbye, Mum," says Sarah. "Have a great day," says her mum.

The headteacher and deputy headteacher, who look after everyone in the school, will be waiting at the door to say "hello" to you and welcome you.

"Hello, Megan," say the kind teachers. "We are so pleased to see you."



You will hang up your coat and bag on your own special coat hook, which is outside the classroom door. Your grown-ups will make sure that you have some wellies which will stay in school on the trolley. You will wear them when you are having fun outside.

Then you will go into the classroom where your teacher will be waiting to meet you. You will put your book bag in the red box and your water bottle will go on the water bottle station.

You will sit on the mat and play some learning games with your teacher until all your new friends arrive. Your teacher will check who is in school and find out what everyone has chosen for their lunch. Then they will tell you about all the exciting things you are going to do that day.



Are you excited about starting school?

What will I do in school?

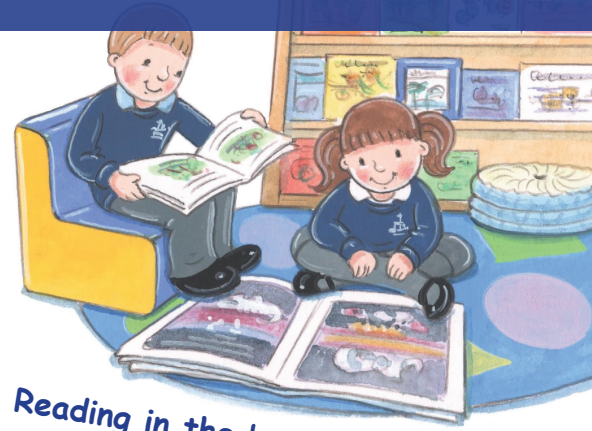


Writing in the
writing area



P.E.

Construction



Reading in the book corner

There are lots of fun activities to do in the classroom and outdoors, and sometimes you will have trips to interesting local places, such as the farm.

Sometimes your teacher will give you some activities to do, and sometimes you will choose what you do. Sometimes you will work with your teacher, sometimes in a group and sometimes by yourself. We are all kind and helpful when we play, and you will soon make friends.

Each day, your teacher will tell you about some activities you can do and help you to do them.



Mud kitchen

Looking at nature



You can do all these exciting activities:

- small-world area
- Maths/problem-solving area
- messy area
- role play area
- tinkering table
- sand and water area
- jungle/climbing area
- mud kitchen
- balance bikes, scooters and car area
- water play area
- large grass play area
- construction area
- playhouse
- visits to local farm, woods and beach



Visiting the farm

Water play area



What do you like doing with your friends?

What happens if I am hungry or thirsty?

In the morning, you will have a healthy fruit snack and a drink of milk or water.

When you first start school, you will have your snack in your classroom with your friends. When you have settled into school, you can eat your snack outside at playtime.

You can use your water bottle whenever you are thirsty.



When it is lunchtime, you will go to the toilet and wash your hands so they are nice and clean. You will go to lunch before all the other children in the school.



You will collect your meal from the serving area.

"Here you are, Jack," says the kind adult as he collects his lunch. "Thank you," says Jack. "It looks very nice."

When you have collected your meal, you will sit at a table with your friends.

The children practised using their cutlery before they started school, but they know that if they need help, they can ask one of the kind adults.

"May I have some water?" asks Sarah.

"Yes, you may," says the kind adult. "You have very nice manners, Sarah."

When you have finished your meal, you can go out to play with the rest of the children at school on the large playground and field.



What is your favourite meal?

What happens if I need the toilet?



When you need to go to the toilet, just tell your teacher and you can go.

You will go to the toilet by yourself.

The toilets are in a room inside the classroom so very quick and easy to get to.

Sarah is making a picture of Best Bear and now she needs to go to the toilet.

"Please may I go to the toilet?" asks Sarah.

"Yes, you can, Sarah," says her teacher. "Thank you for asking so nicely."



Sarah uses the toilet and remembers to flush.

Now she is washing her hands with warm water and soap so they are nice and clean. Then she dries them before she goes back to finishing her picture.

Sarah practised lots at home before she started school and now she feels very happy going to the toilet by herself.

If you have a toilet accident, don't worry. Tell a teacher and they will help. Your grown-ups will make sure that you have some spare clothes in school as well.



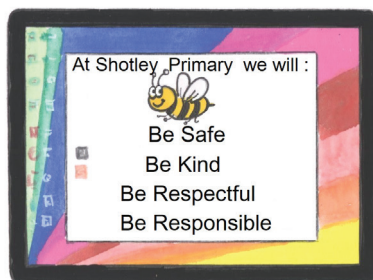
Can you go to the toilet by yourself?

What happens when it is time to go home?

At the end of the school day, you will sit on the carpet and listen to a story or sing a song linked to what you have learned in school that day.

The children love listening to a story and are sitting quietly so they don't miss any of it.

If you have done well that day, tried hard or been very kind, or followed the Shotley Bees, you might be able to take Best Bear home.



When it is time to go home, you will collect your coat and belongings and sit at your table. You will also choose a library book to take home with you once a week to read at home with your grown-ups.

Your grown-ups will wait outside in the Reception Garden.

Your teacher will stand at the door and when they see your grown-ups, they will call your name and you can go home.

If you are going to an after-school club, you will be collected from the classroom by a teacher.

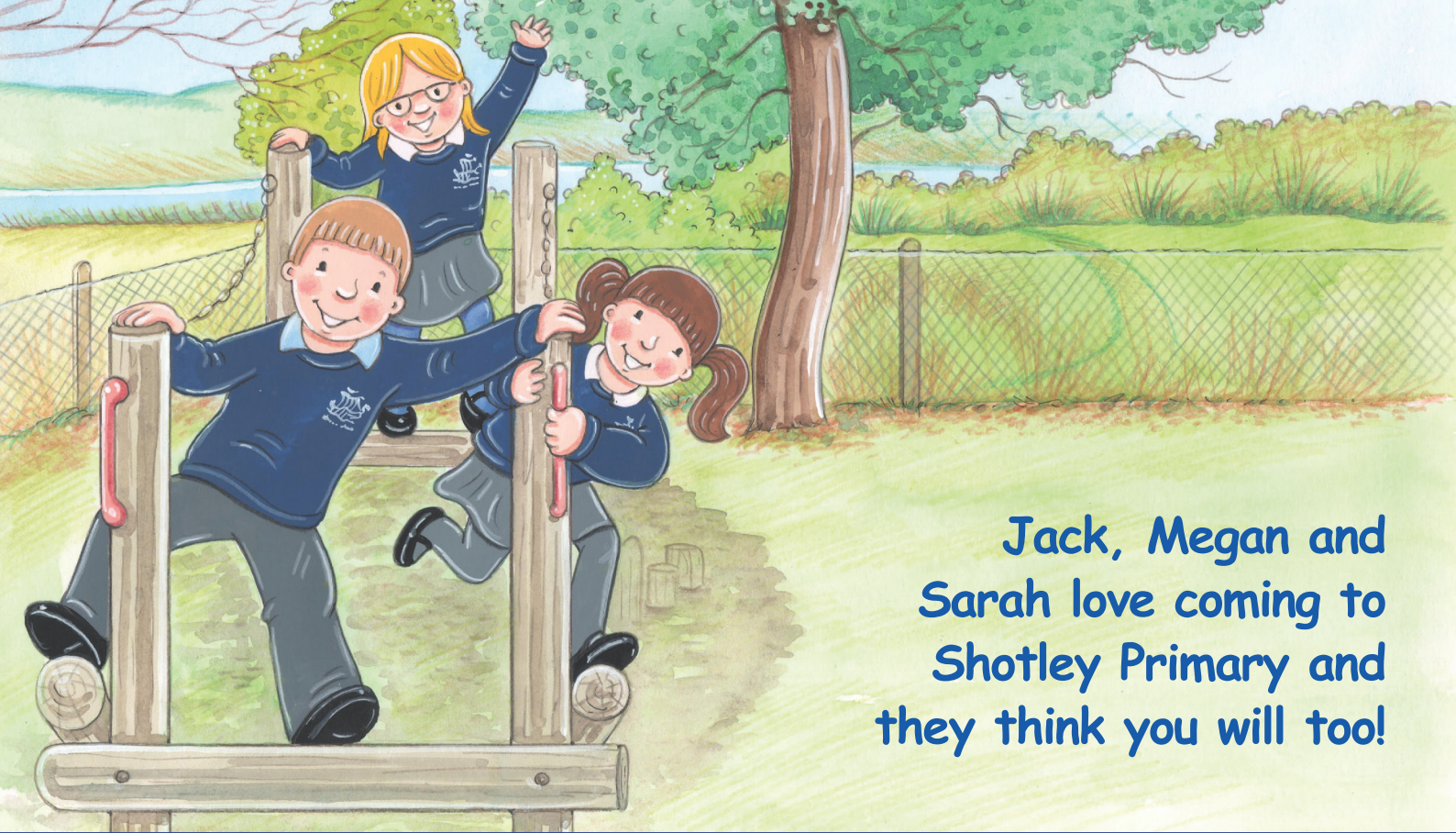
Today, Sarah has been very polite and showed good manners so the teacher has said she can take Best Bear home.

"I am going to look at my reading book with Best Bear and my mum this evening," she says.

Sarah has loved her day at school, and she can't wait to come back tomorrow.



Are you looking forward to starting school?



Jack, Megan and
Sarah love coming to
Shotley Primary and
they think you will too!



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