



# My Starting School Book

To help make starting school a happy time we have made this book for you to find out about us and to tell us about you! You will find out a little about what we do at school, who is there to help you and what each day will be like.



Please look through the book and talk about the information with your child. There are pages they can complete with your help. We will look at the book with you and your child on your home visit.



Hello I'm Mrs Bell and I will be your class teacher. I am really looking forward to meeting you when you start school. I like reading stories my favourite is 'The Gruffalo'. I really like art and crafts. My favourite colour is yellow. At school we learn about the world around us my favourite topic is dinosaurs. I wonder which topic you will like best?

Hi, my name is Miss Birdseye I am here to help you when you start school. I like doing maths activities at school and leaning about animals.



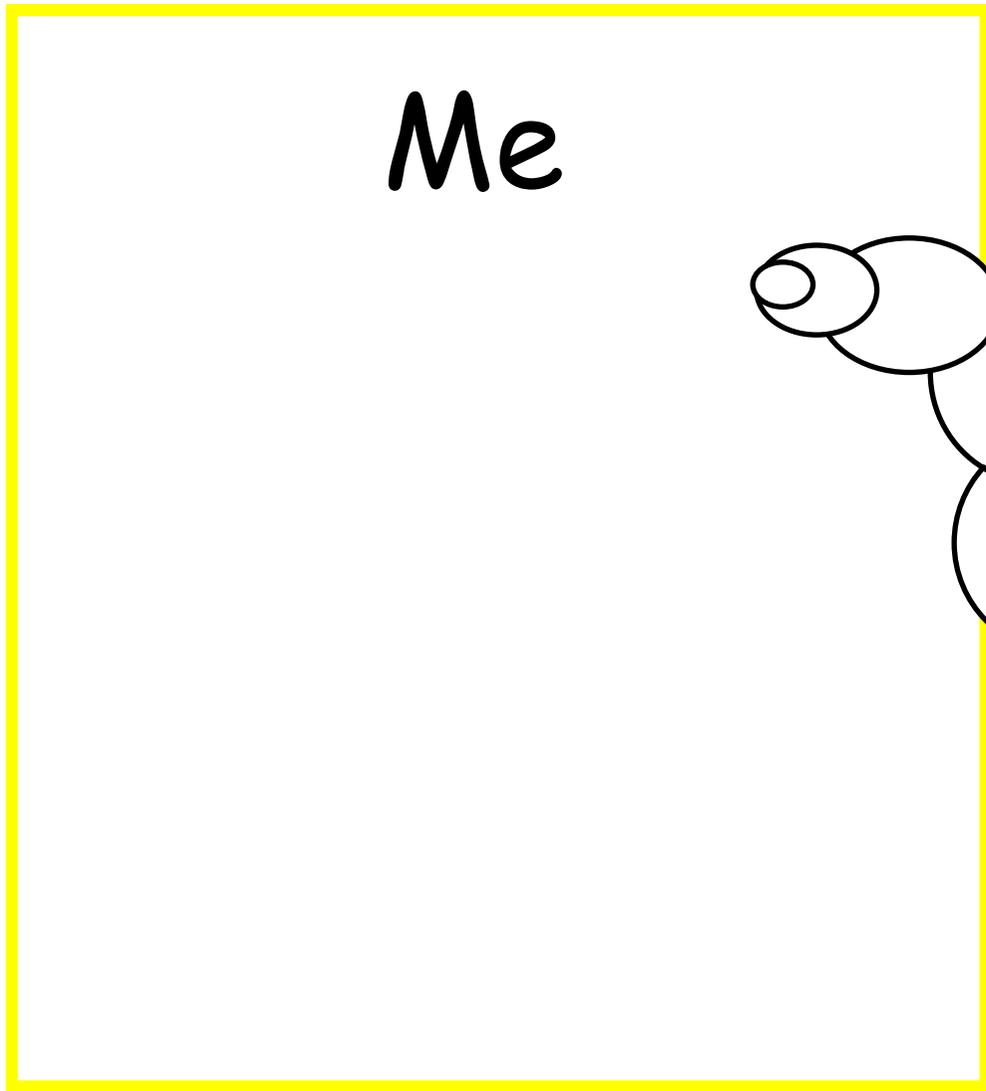
My name is Ms Carrington, I also help you at school. I like playing outside in the garden and using Lego to make models. I wonder if you will be able to help me?



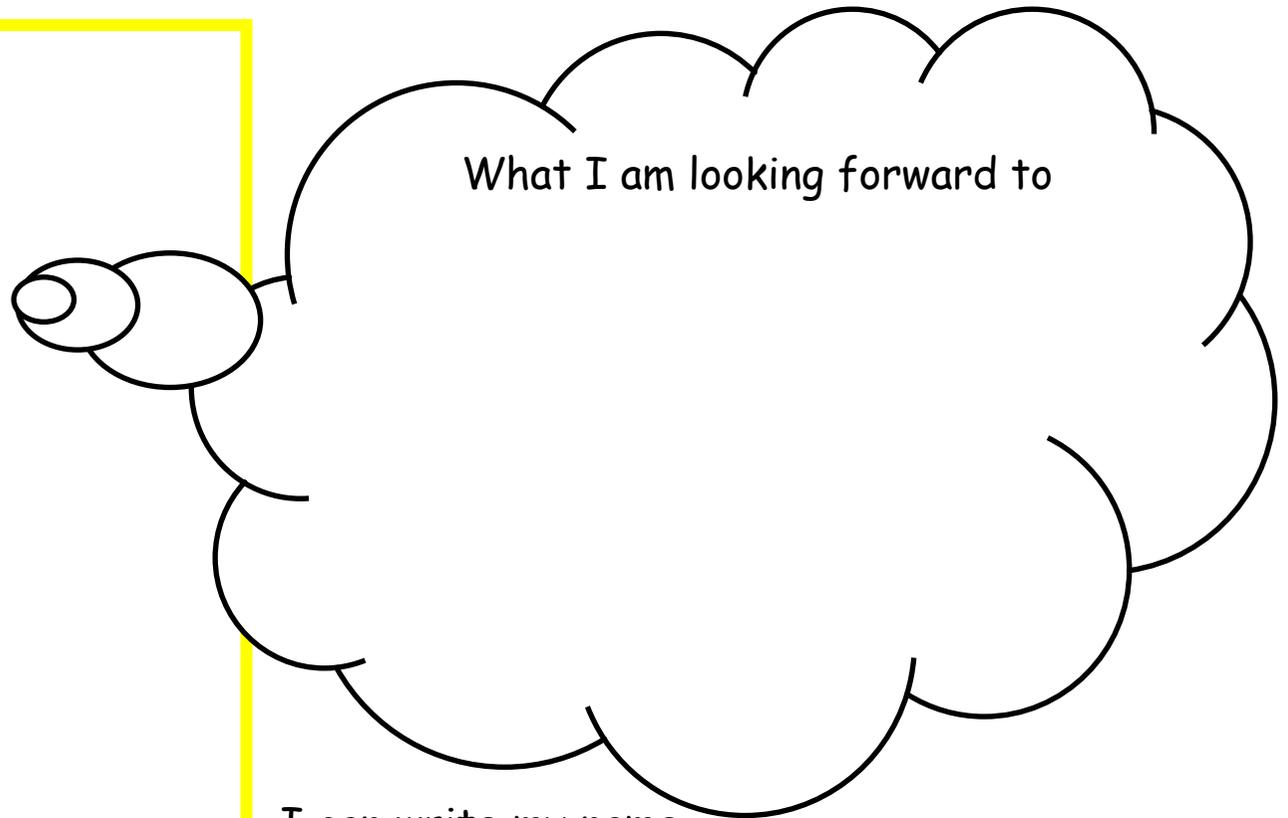
I'm Mrs Brinson and will be working in foundation with you. I love reading books and making up stories using toys.



Can you draw a picture of yourself and what you are looking forward to in school?



Me



What I am looking forward to

I can write my name



# What happens in the morning?

When you come into school you will have a peg where you can hang your coat and a tray where you can put your book bag. There will be a special card with your name on that you can read and stick on the wall so we know who is here. Then we will sit on the carpet to share a story, play a game, sing a song and start our learning. I wonder if you can tell me what you would like to do in school?

My favourite toy is...

I like playing...

My favourite book is....

What do you like? What is  
your favourite story?  
What is your favourite  
toy?

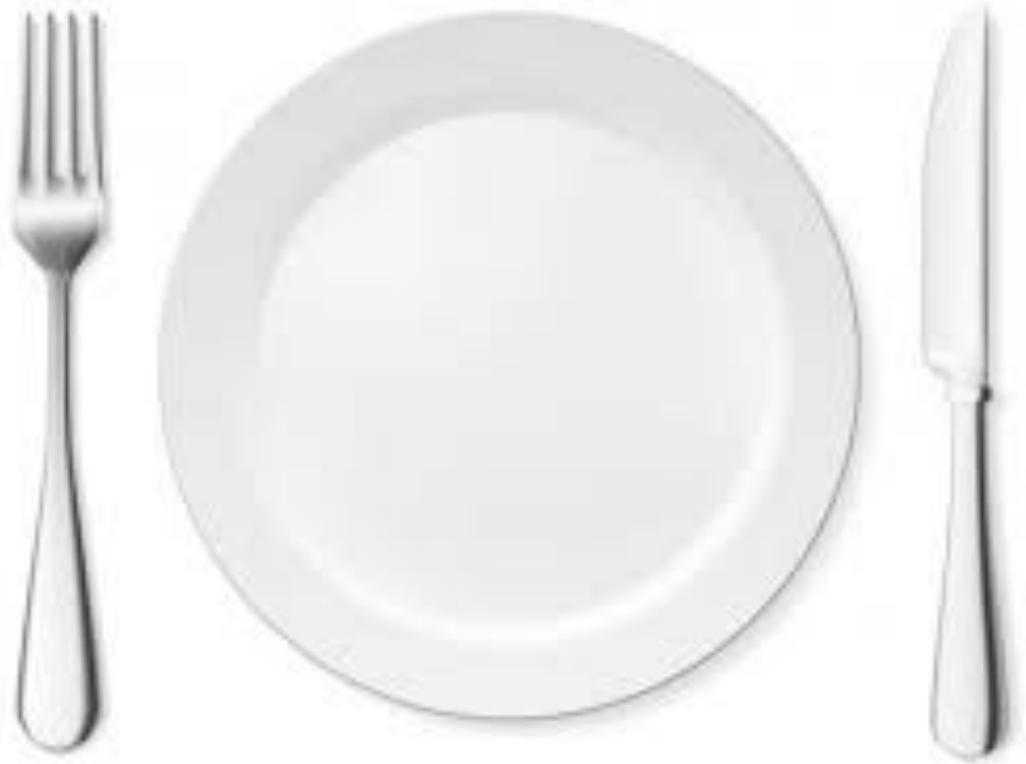


At lunch time we sit together in the hall to eat our lunch. We try to use a knife and fork. Can you use a knife and fork? We also remember table manners by saying please and thank you!



What are your favourite foods? Can you draw something you would like to eat for lunch?

Are there any foods you can't eat or don't like?



# Learning Outside

In our outside area we do lots of learning, we have bikes to ride and big blocks to build with. We have a mud kitchen which can be messy. We also have a vegetable patch where we do lots of digging. There are quiet areas for reading and creative areas for making pictures. What would you like to do in our garden?



In the garden I would like to...

We do lots of learning outside in our garden. When its is cold you will need a coat, hat and gloves. Can you practise putting your coat on by yourself and doing the zip up?





# Getting ready for school

We hope this book has helped a little and we look forward to seeing it when you have completed it. Here are a few things that you could do to help your child before they start school.

## Things to practise at home...

Reading and writing your name

Counting objects to 10

Drawing pictures

Getting dressed by yourself

Putting your shoes and socks on

Singing nursery rhymes and songs

Learning letter sounds (phonics)

Naming shapes and colours

We are really excited about seeing you all soon and getting to know all of the children. All of the staff are happy to help and answer any questions that you have.

