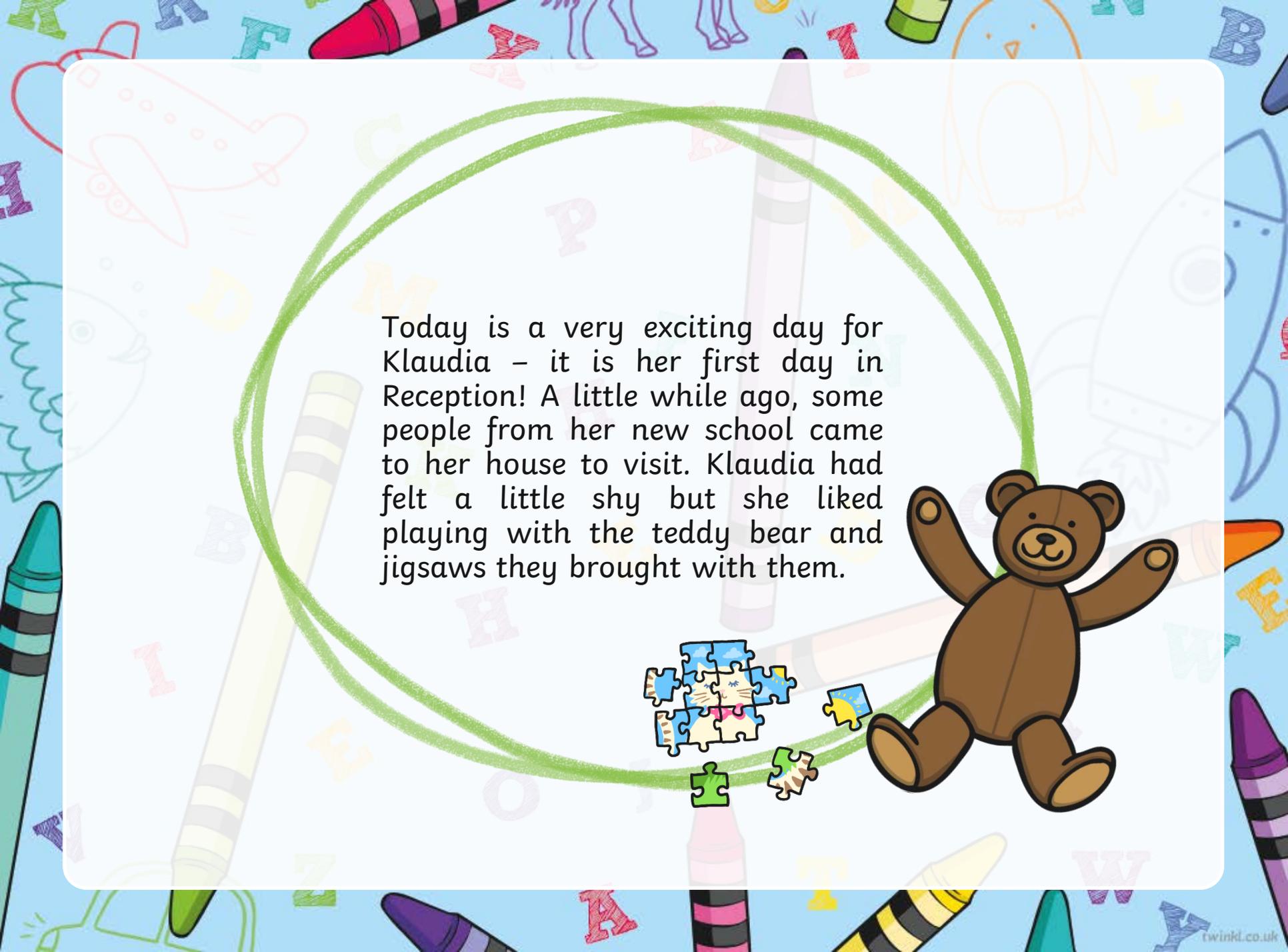


# Starting Reception



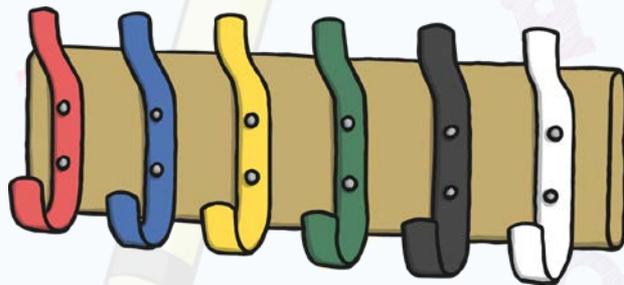
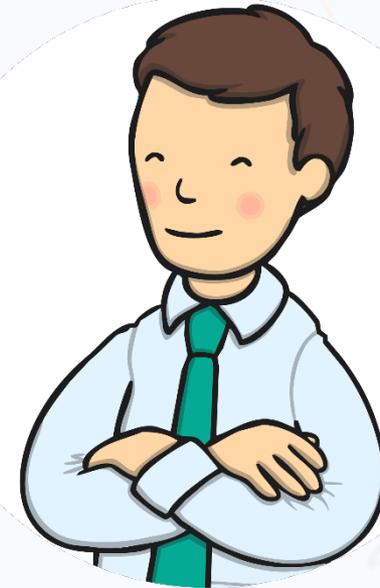


Today is a very exciting day for Klaudia – it is her first day in Reception! A little while ago, some people from her new school came to her house to visit. Klaudia had felt a little shy but she liked playing with the teddy bear and jigsaws they brought with them.

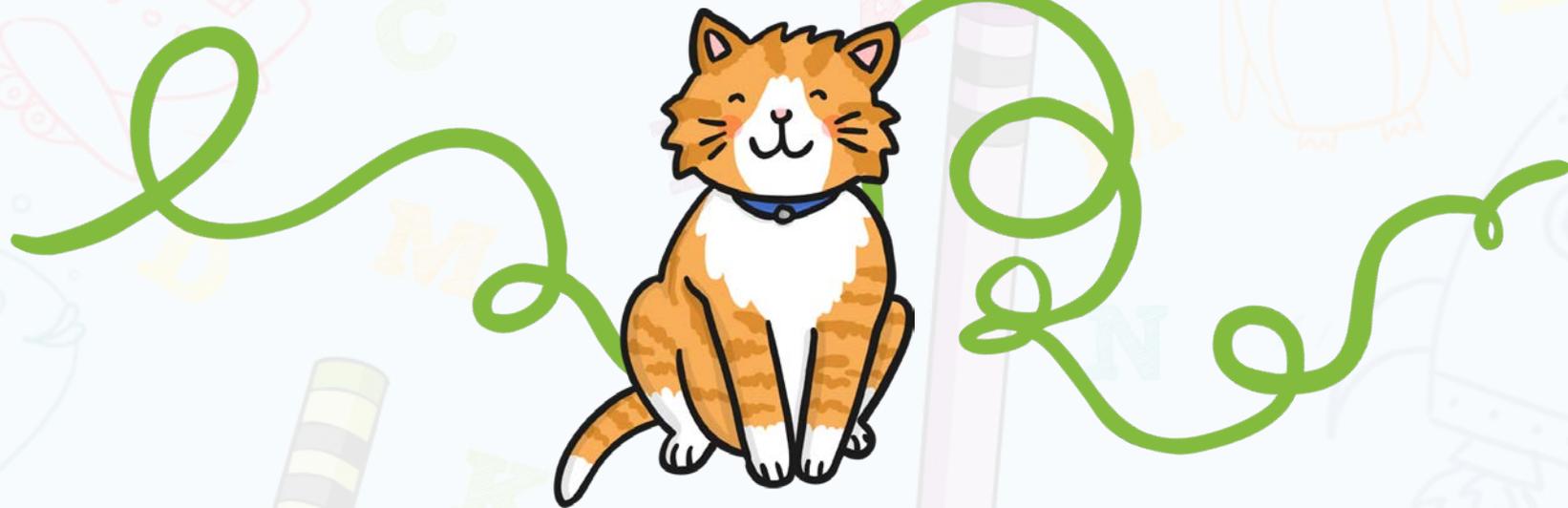
Klaudia held onto Daddy's hand as they walked to school. She had a funny feeling in her tummy – she felt a bit excited, a bit scared and a bit sad all at once.



As they arrived at the school, Klaudia saw the man who had come to her house. He was talking to a little boy and his mummy. After a moment, the man turned and smiled at Klaudia.

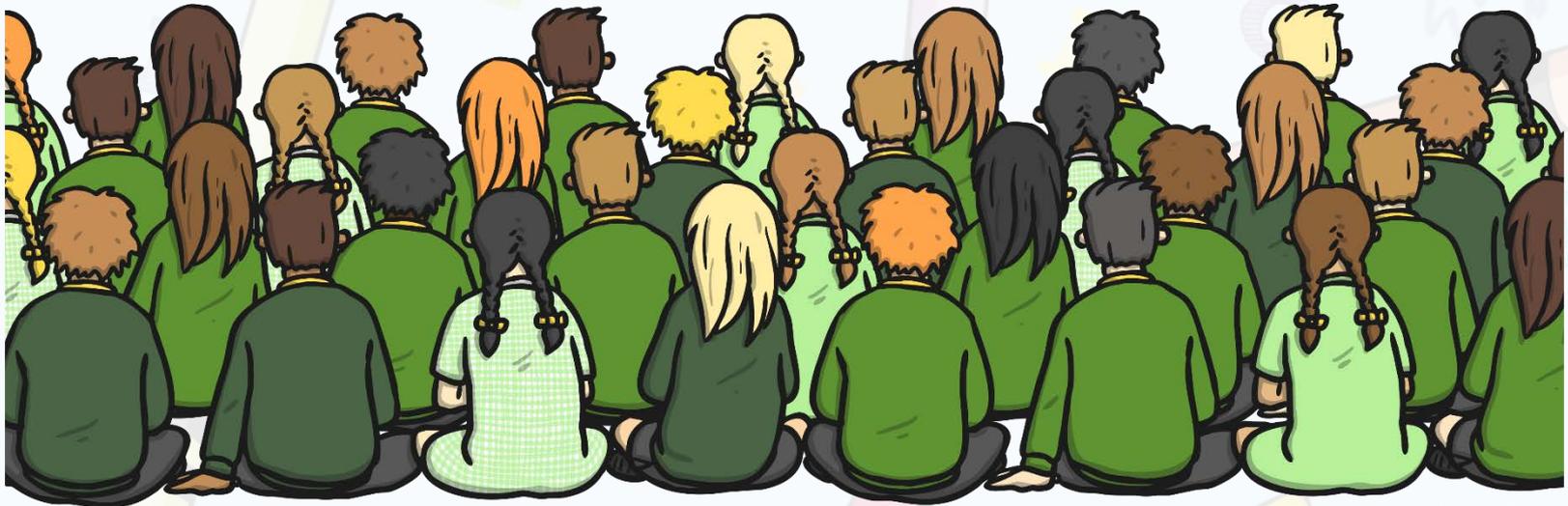


“Hello Klaudia, lovely to see you!” he said. Klaudia smiled but still held onto Daddy’s hand tightly. “Let me show you where to hang up your coat.”

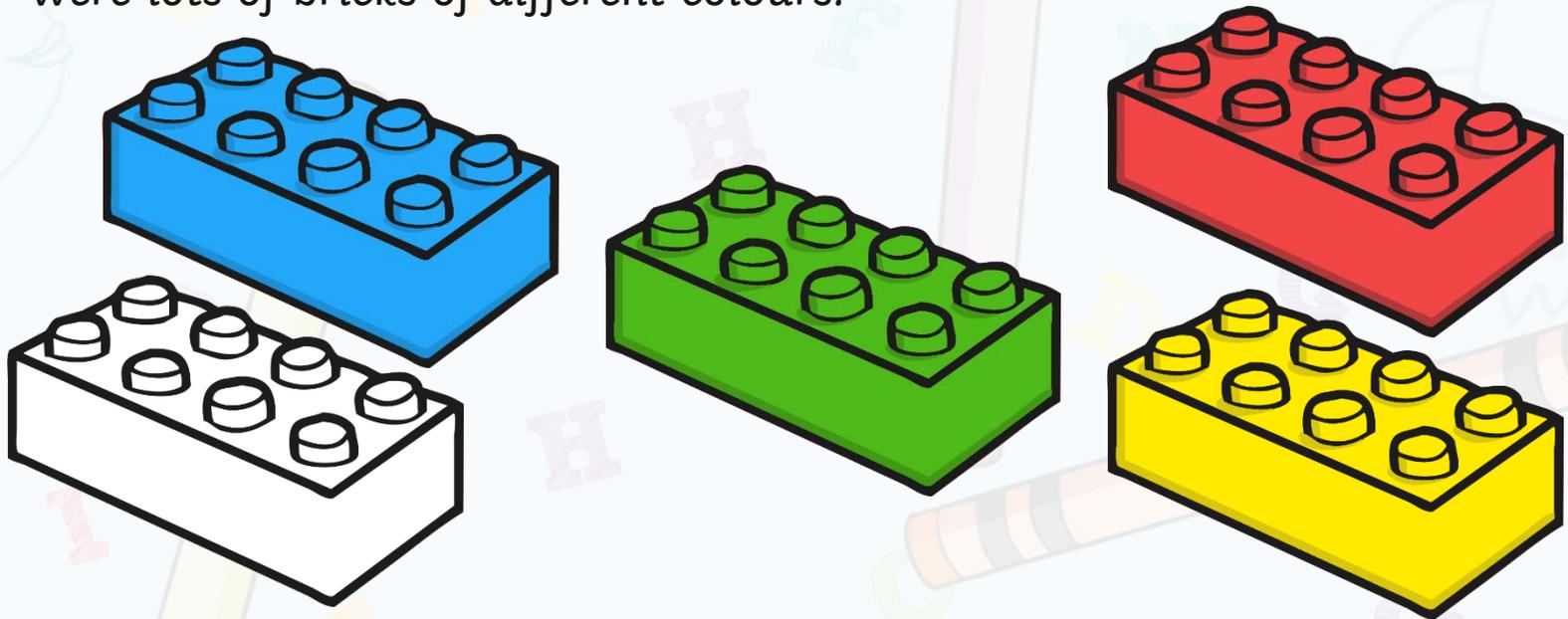


In the classroom, there were lots of other children with their parents. Daddy helped Klaudia to hang up her coat. She had her own peg and written above it was her name, with a picture of a cat too. “I remembered seeing your cat at your house,” smiled the man. “My name is Mr Jones and over there is Mrs Lee. We are going to have lots of fun today! Come and sit on the carpet for the register and then we’re going to assembly in the hall.”

Klaudia nodded and took Mr Jones' hand. She felt a little sad as she waved goodbye to Daddy. "See you soon, Klaudia," smiled Daddy. "Have fun! I'll pick you up later after school and you can tell me about your first day!" Klaudia came to sit on the carpet and listened as Mr Jones called the register and all the children said, "Good morning." Then, Mr Jones told the class that it was time for assembly. They needed to line up to go to the hall. In assembly, they listened carefully to a story from the headteacher.

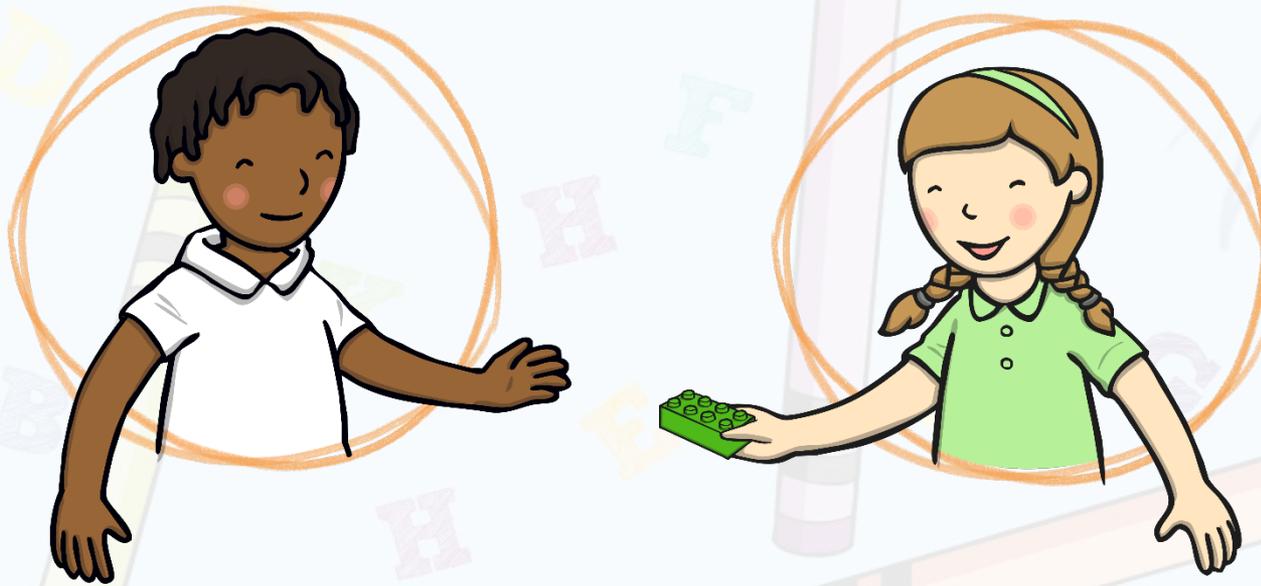


When they got back to the classroom, it was time to play with the toys. Some children were playing in the house, some were playing with playdough, some were drawing and some were playing with some small world farm toys. Klaudia looked at the tray of building bricks. There were lots of bricks of different colours.



“This is Dylan,” said Mr Jones. “He likes building bricks too. Maybe you could build something together?”

Klaudia sat down quietly. She was feeling a bit sad and missed Daddy. Just then, the little boy, Dylan, held out a big green brick towards her. “You can have this one,” he said.



“Thank you,” said Klaudia, and began pushing the pieces together. Soon, Klaudia and Dylan had built a really big castle together. Some more children came to play and they all had fun adding more and more bricks to build a giant castle together.

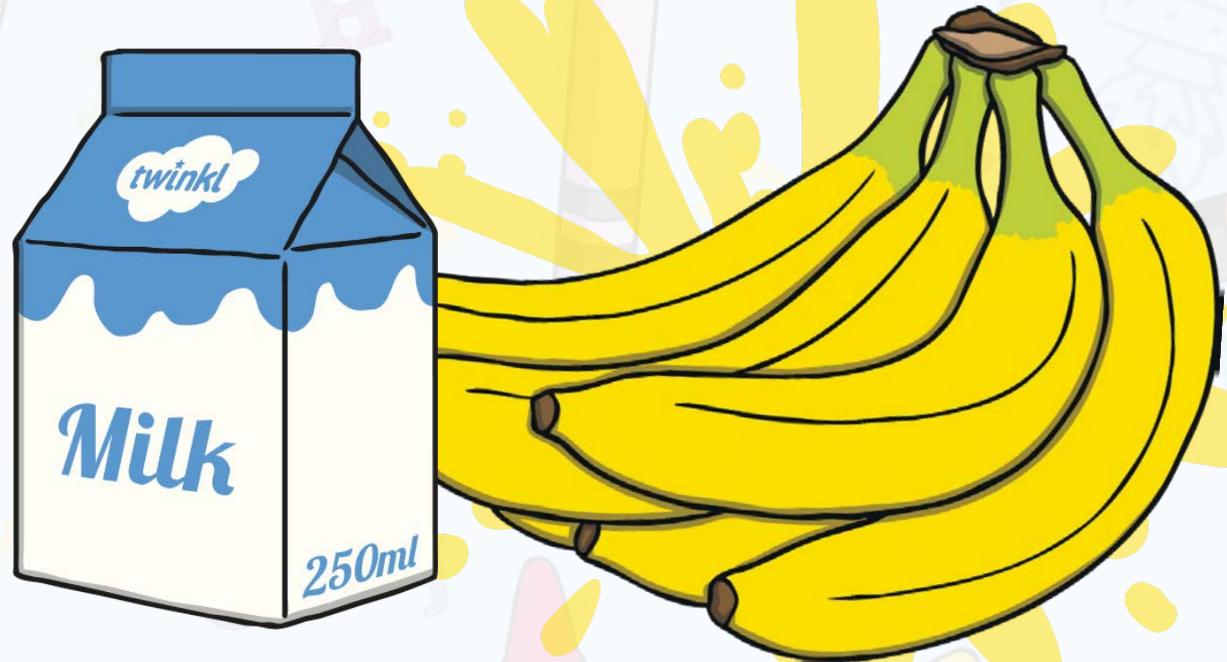
Soon, Mr Jones came to see what they were doing. "Wow! What a great castle!" he smiled. "You have been playing really nicely together and your castle looks amazing! We need to tidy up for playtime soon but we can take a picture of your castle first."



After taking the photo, Mr Jones helped Klaudia and the other children to put all the bricks into a big box. Then, in a loud voice, he said that it was time to tidy up and to come and sit on the carpet. Klaudia sat down next to Dylan, and a little girl called Sophie came and sat next to Klaudia too.



Mr Jones told the children that it was playtime and all the children could go and play in the playground. Everyone could also have a drink and a piece of fruit. Klaudia put her hand up and asked if she could go to the toilet. “Well done for asking,” said Mr Jones. “Mrs Lee will show you where the toilets are. Don’t forget to wash your hands too! We all need to wash our hands before our snack.”

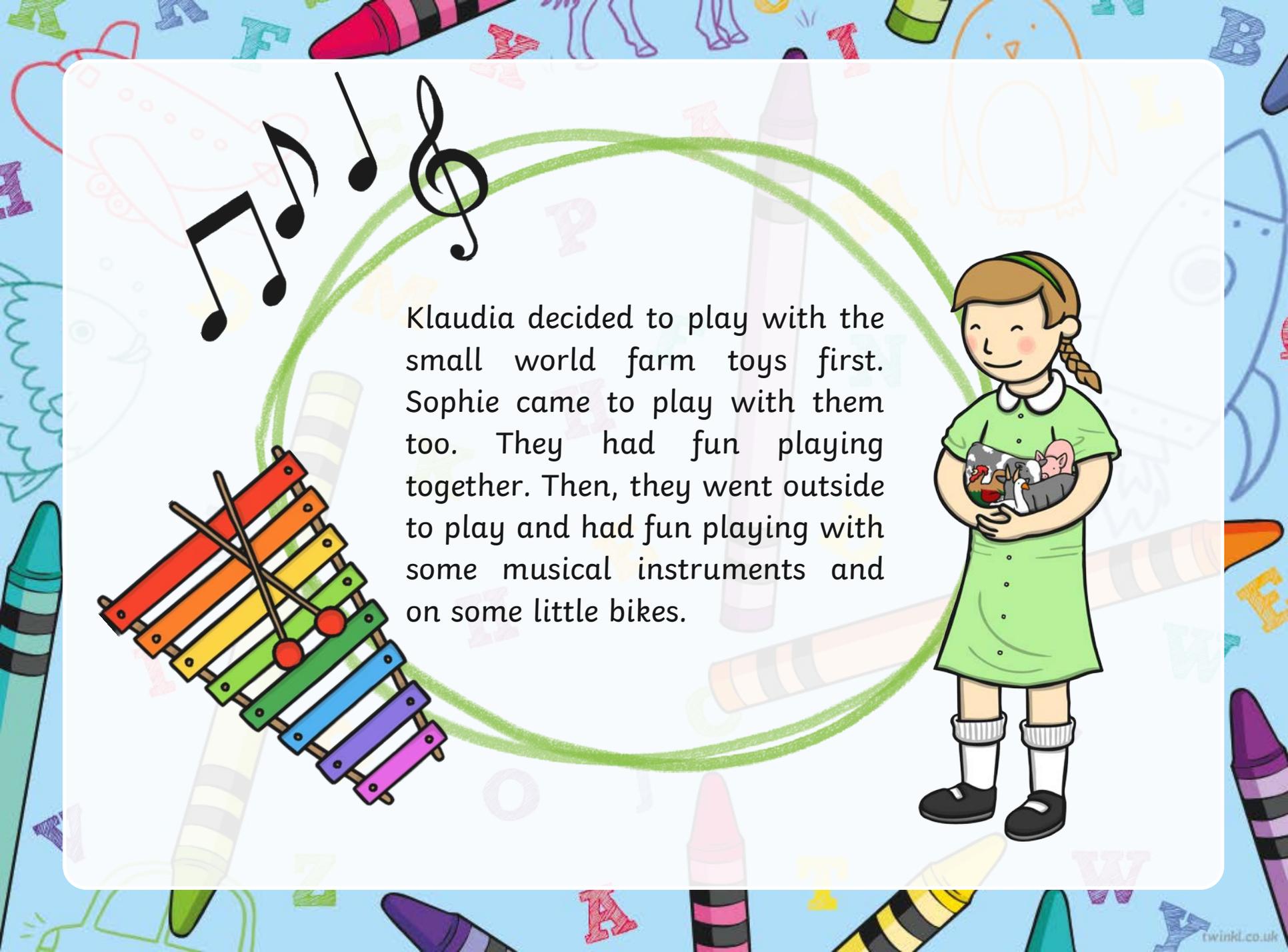




Then, Klaudia went outside to play. There were lots of children in the playground. She had fun playing with a skipping rope and running around with her new friends. When Mr Jones rang the bell, it was time to go back to the classroom.

Back inside, Mr Jones told the children that they could continue playing with the toys on the table and also in the outside area. "When I call you, I would like you to come and do a special job with me. We need some pictures to put up on the walls, so everyone is going to draw a self-portrait. This is a drawing of your face! You can choose what to play with until I call you."





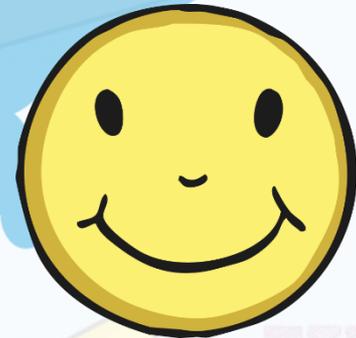
Klaudia decided to play with the small world farm toys first. Sophie came to play with them too. They had fun playing together. Then, they went outside to play and had fun playing with some musical instruments and on some little bikes.



After a little while, Mr Jones called Klaudia and Sophie inside to do their self-portraits. They sat at the table and had fun pulling funny faces in the mirrors before drawing! Klaudia enjoyed drawing her picture and then Mr Jones helped her to write her name on it by copying a name card. "Lovely!" said Mr Jones. "It's time to tidy up for a story before lunch," he said. "Can you help me put all the pencils in the pots?"



All the children sat on the carpet. "Wow, what a busy morning!" said Mr Jones. "What we are going to do now is have a story before getting ready for lunch." The class listened carefully as Mr Jones read a funny story about a monkey. Mr Jones told the class that they had all listened carefully so they could all have a sticker. Klaudia chose a yellow smiley face sticker and carefully stuck it onto her dress.



Then it was lunchtime! All the children went to the toilet and washed their hands. Then they lined up for lunch. Klaudia was having a packed lunch and had a brand new lunchbox with butterflies on it. Some children were having hot dinners instead. In the dinner hall, Klaudia enjoyed eating her lunch and sat next to Sophie and Dylan. Then it was time to play in the playground again.





After lunch and play, all the children came back to the classroom. Mr Jones did the register again and Klaudia was chosen to take the register to the office with Dylan and Mrs Lee. Back in the classroom, Mrs Lee asked Klaudia if she would like to do some painting. "Yes please," smiled Klaudia. Klaudia had lots of fun painting a picture of a cat. Klaudia had lots more fun playing inside and outside. She played with some crayons and colouring pictures, then enjoyed some jigsaw puzzles and playing with some hoops and balls outside.

"Wow! What a great day," said Mrs Lee. "We've had lots of fun today, but soon it's time for mummies and daddies to collect you. It's home time already!" Klaudia was very surprised. It had gone very quickly and she had had lots of fun. Klaudia helped to tidy up and came to sit back on the carpet. The children sang some songs before getting ready for home time. Klaudia's favourite was a song called the 'Home Time Song'.



"Look, your cat painting is dry," said Mrs Lee. "You can take it home to show Daddy." Klaudia smiled and said, "Thank you."

Mr Jones said, "Well done on your first day in Reception! We've had lots of fun and can have even more fun tomorrow! I've made each of you a little present to say 'Well done'." Mr Jones showed the children a special piece of paper called a certificate.

"Certificates show everyone that you have done something very special. They are prizes for doing a great job!" He called out the children's names and gave them each a certificate. Klaudia got a yellow certificate with her name on. She felt very happy and gave Mr Jones and Mrs Lee a big smile.





Then a bell rang. "Home time!" said Mr Jones, "Everyone needs to sit quietly until I call your name, then you can come over to the door. Don't forget to take all your things home." When Mr Jones called out Klaudia's name, she stood up and picked up her lunchbox, painting and special certificate. Daddy gave her a big hug.

"Did you have a nice time?" he asked. Klaudia nodded and showed Daddy her certificate and painting.

"Wow! They are lovely, and you got a sticker too!" said Daddy. "I'm glad you had fun. Say goodbye to Mr Jones and Mrs Lee. We are going home for dinner now but you can see them and your new friends again tomorrow."

Klaudia said, “Goodbye,” and waved to Mrs Lee and her friends on the carpet. As they walked home, Klaudia told Daddy about playing on the bikes, building a castle and drawing her self-portrait. She felt very happy and excited for the next time she would go to school. “School is fun,” she thought, as she held tightly onto her certificate. “I wonder what we will do tomorrow – I hope we can have the building bricks out again!”

