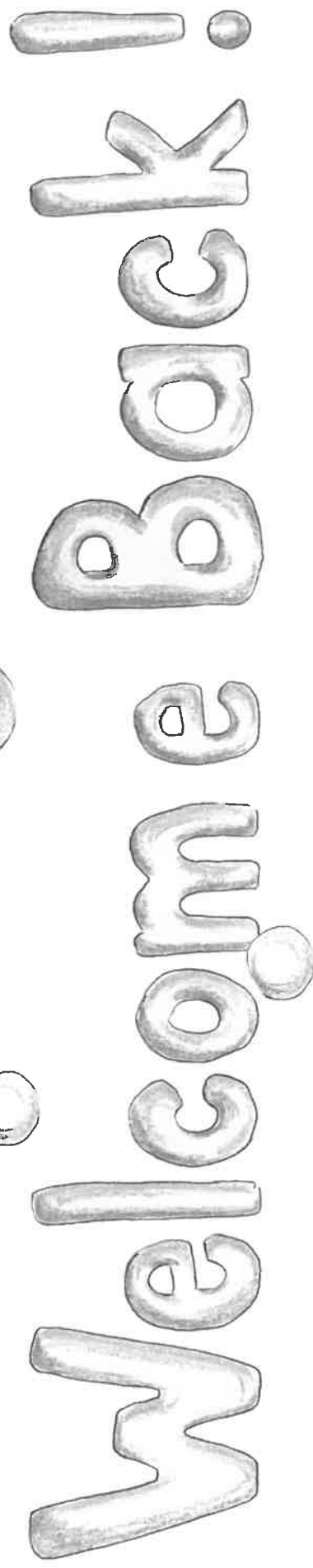
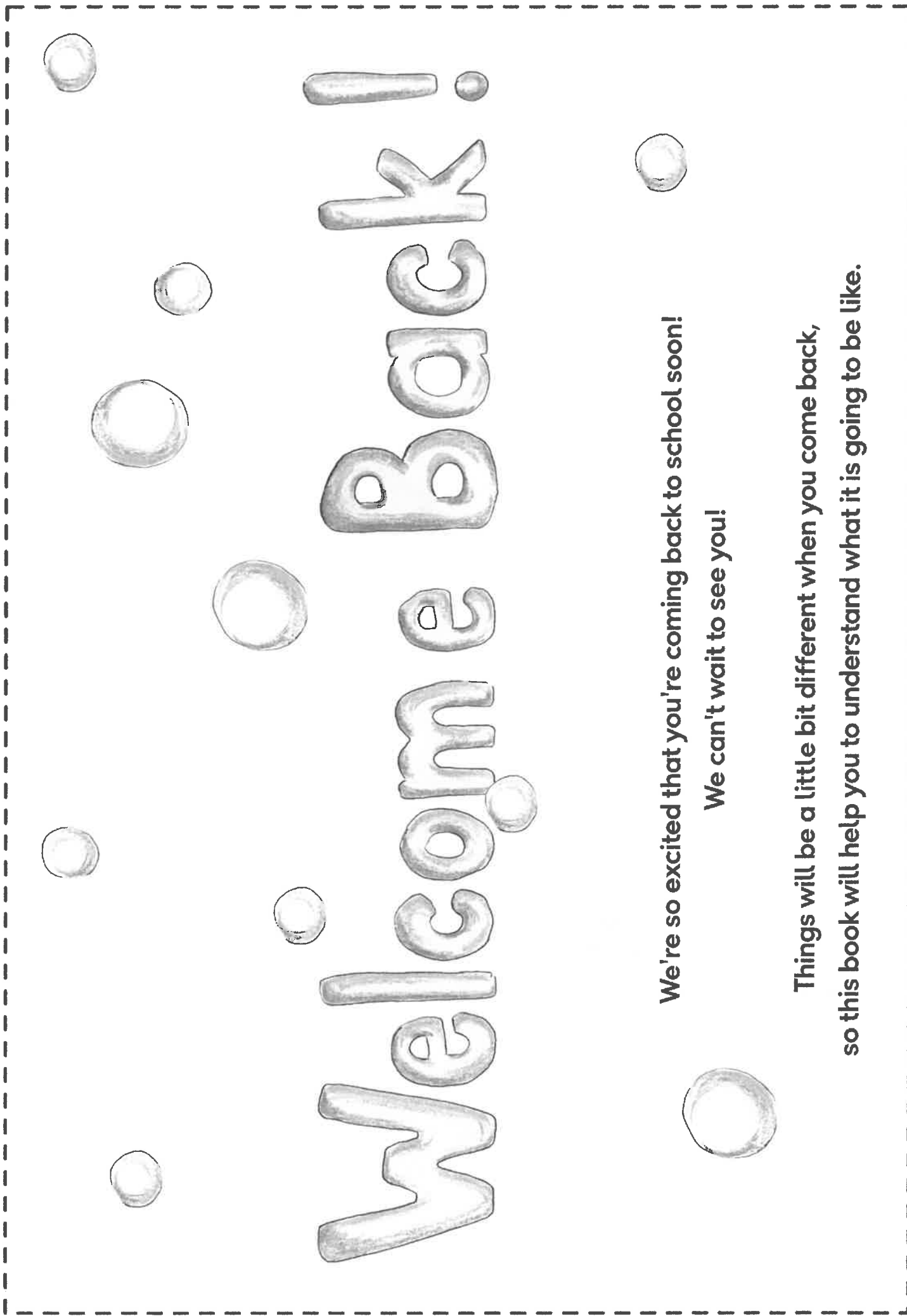


# Coming back to school in a bubble!



A book for children, created and shared by Shere Infant School & Nursery  
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# Welcome Back!

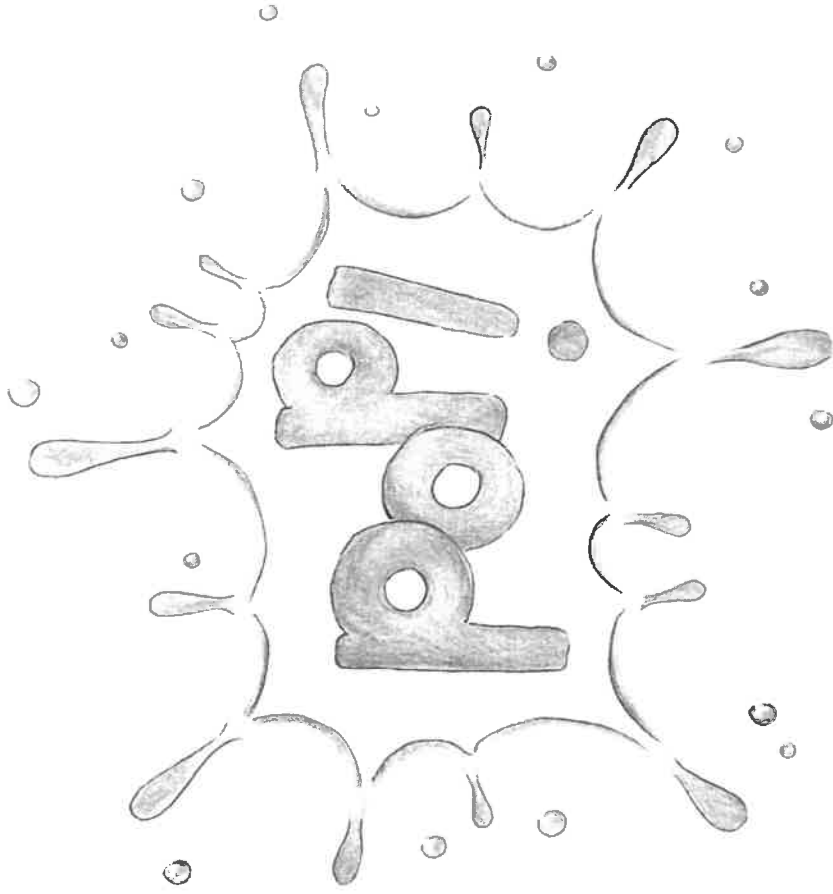


We're so excited that you're coming back to school soon!

We can't wait to see you!

Things will be a little bit different when you come back,  
so this book will help you to understand what it is going to be like.

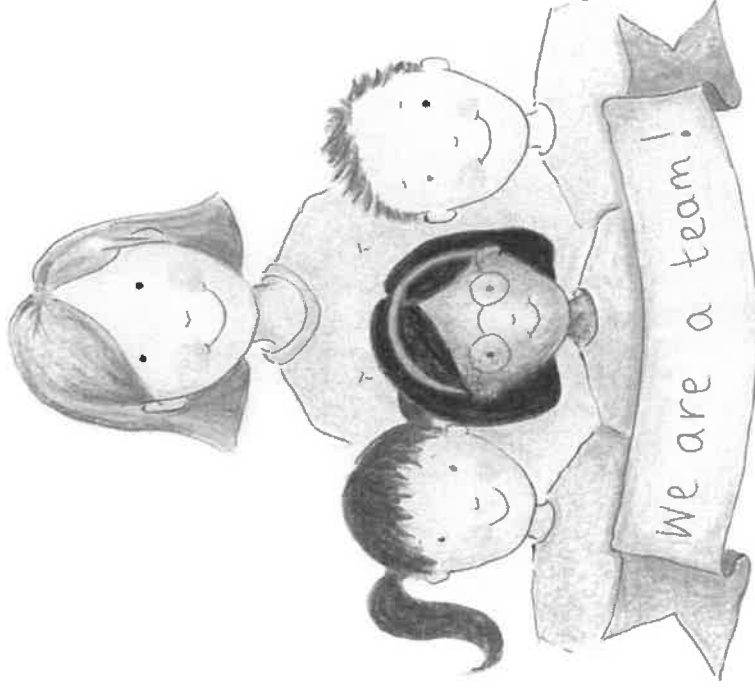
What does coming to school  
in a bubble mean?



Don't worry, coming to school in a bubble  
doesn't mean we will put you  
in an actual bubble!

A bubble is just a small group of people who  
will spend their time together at school.

You can think of it as a team!

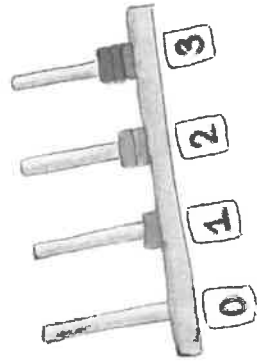


It will include some of your friends and one or  
two grown ups you will already know  
from school.

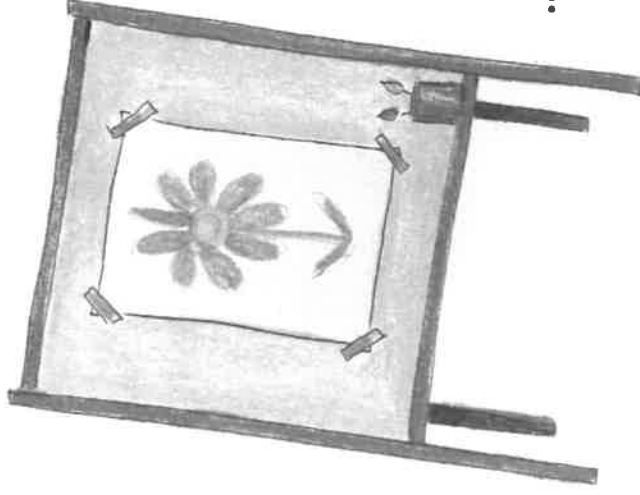
You might not have all of your friends in your  
bubble, but you will have some of them.

Your bubble will do all of their activities together.

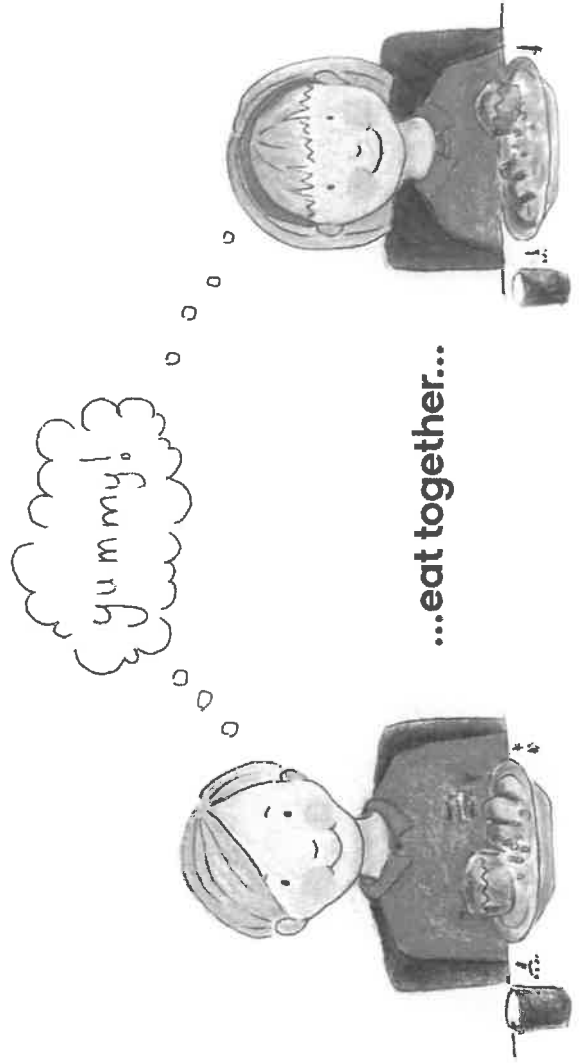
You will sing together, relax together,  
think together...



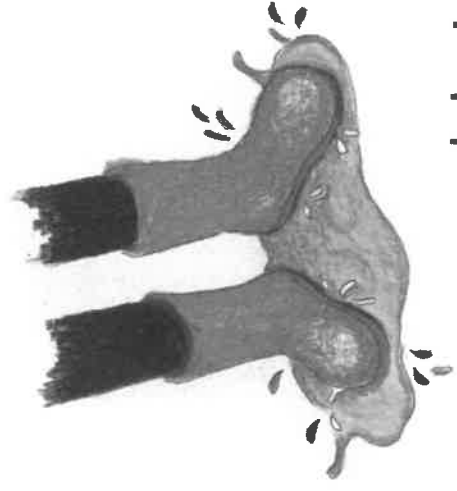
...work together...



...create together...



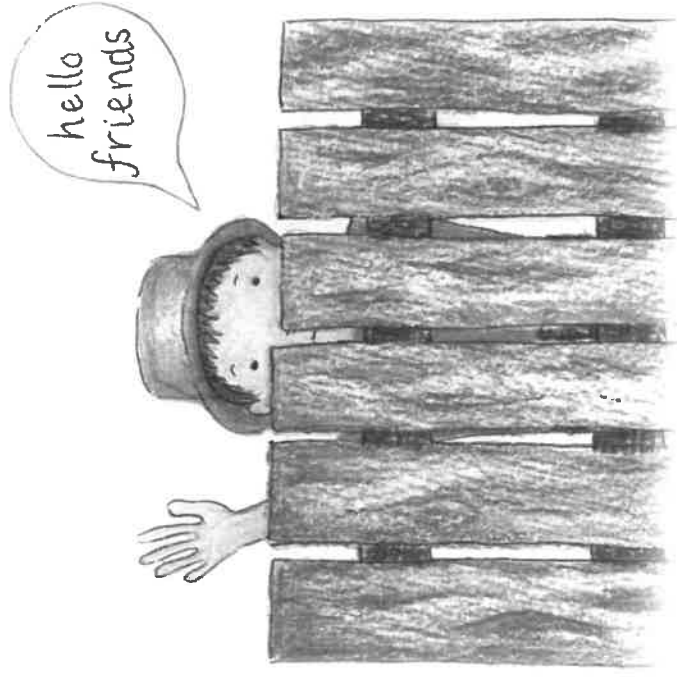
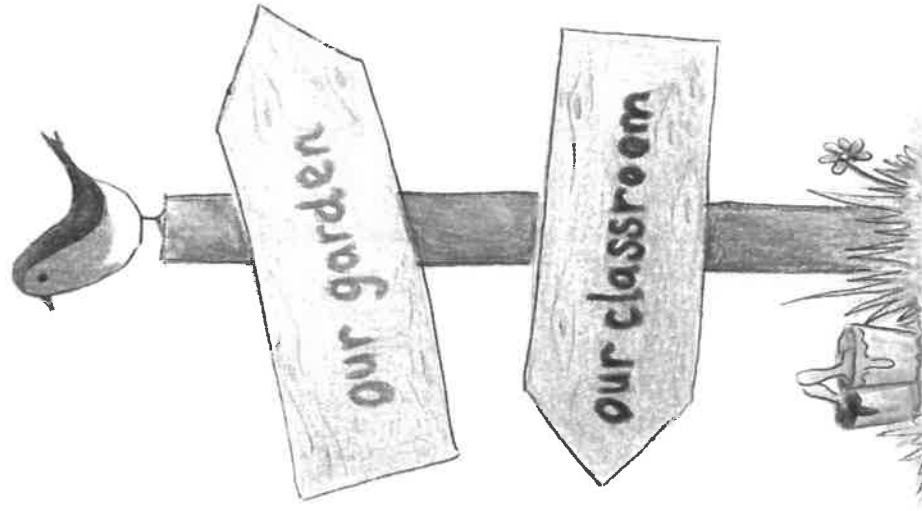
...eat together...



...and play together.

Your bubble will have some space inside and some space outside. It will be all yours.

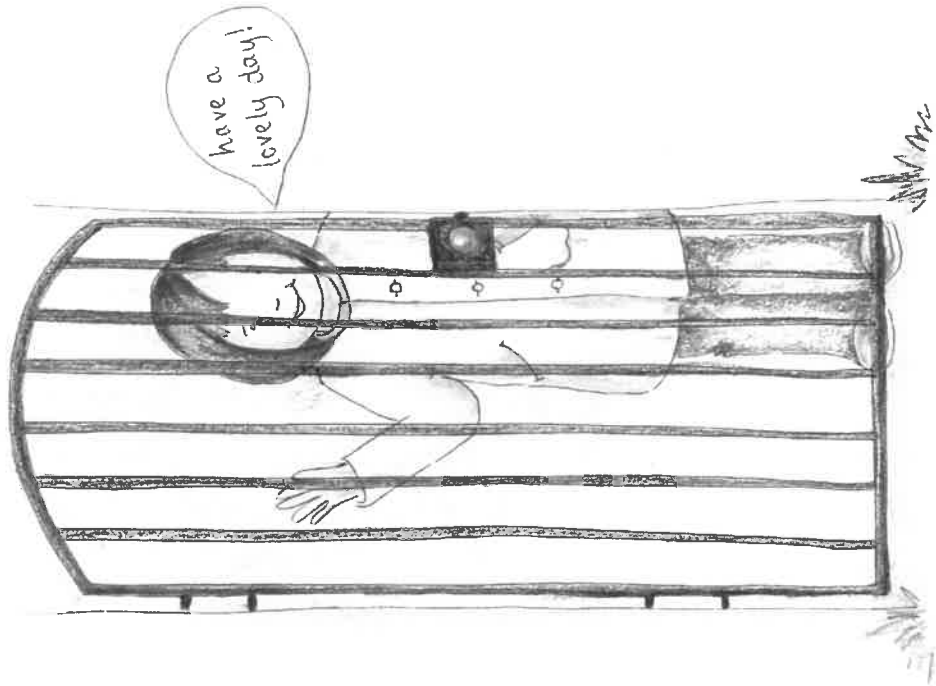
None of the children in the other bubbles will come into your bubble space, and you won't go into their bubble space.



Even though we won't be spending time with the children in other bubbles, if we see them we can wave and shout 'hello'!

When you arrive at school we will say  
goodbye to all of the grown ups at the gate.

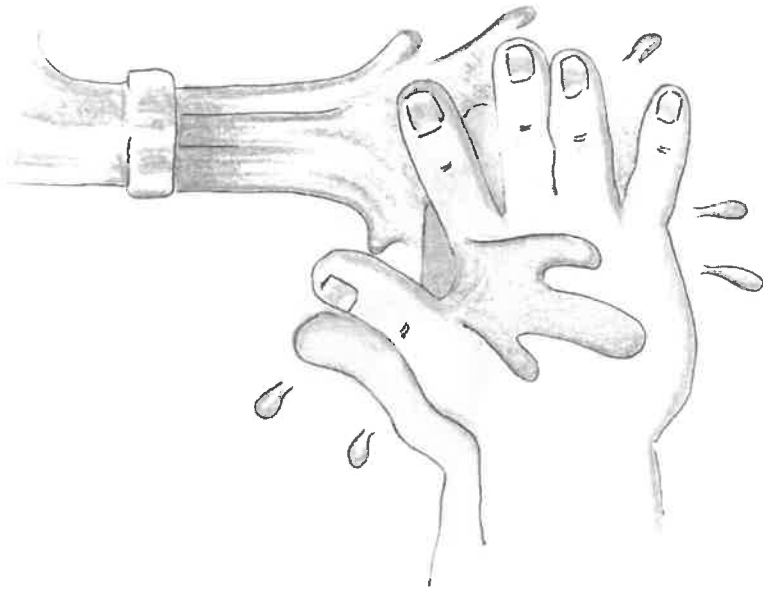
Then we will lock the gate to make sure we  
are all safe.



Then we will go into school together.

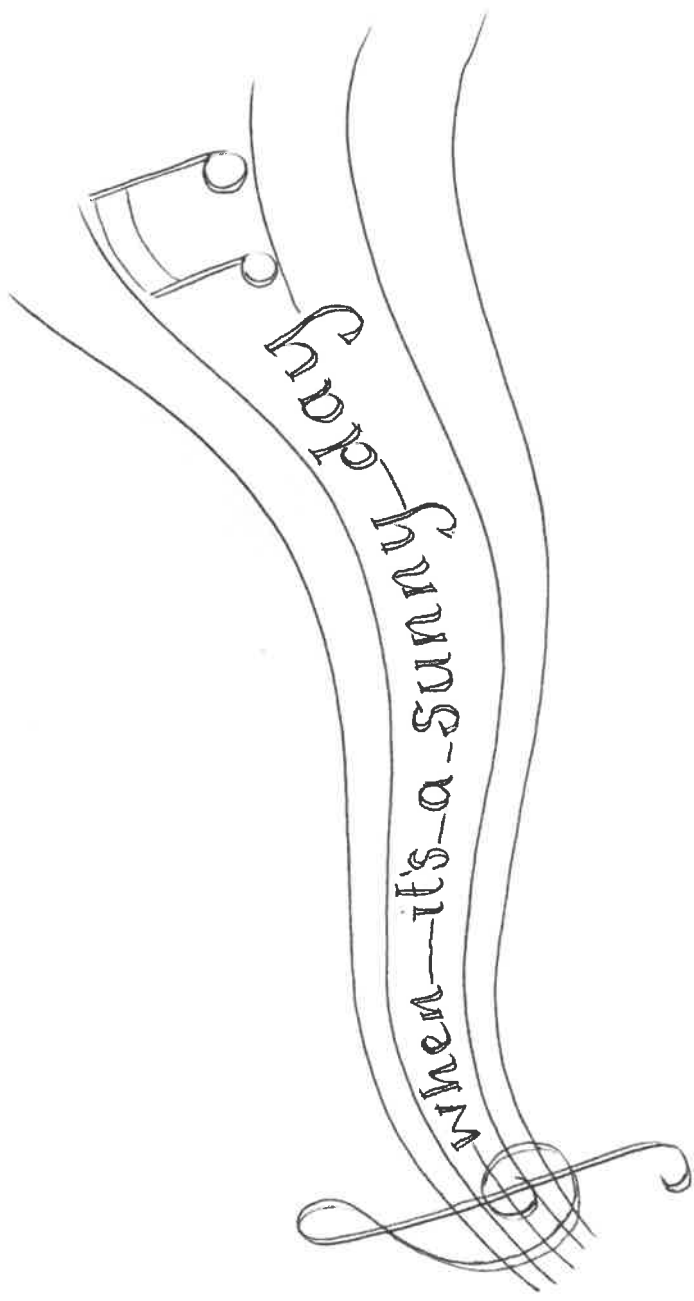
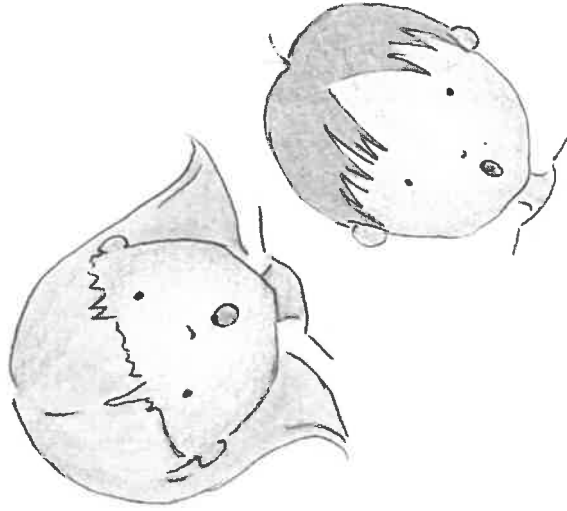
We will hang up our coats and wash our  
hands for 20 seconds.

Can you remember how to wash your hands?



This will make sure that we all start our day  
with clean and healthy hands.

To start our day we will sing our new song together in a circle and share our thoughts and worries.  
Your friends and grown up will try to help you if you are feeling sad or worried about anything.

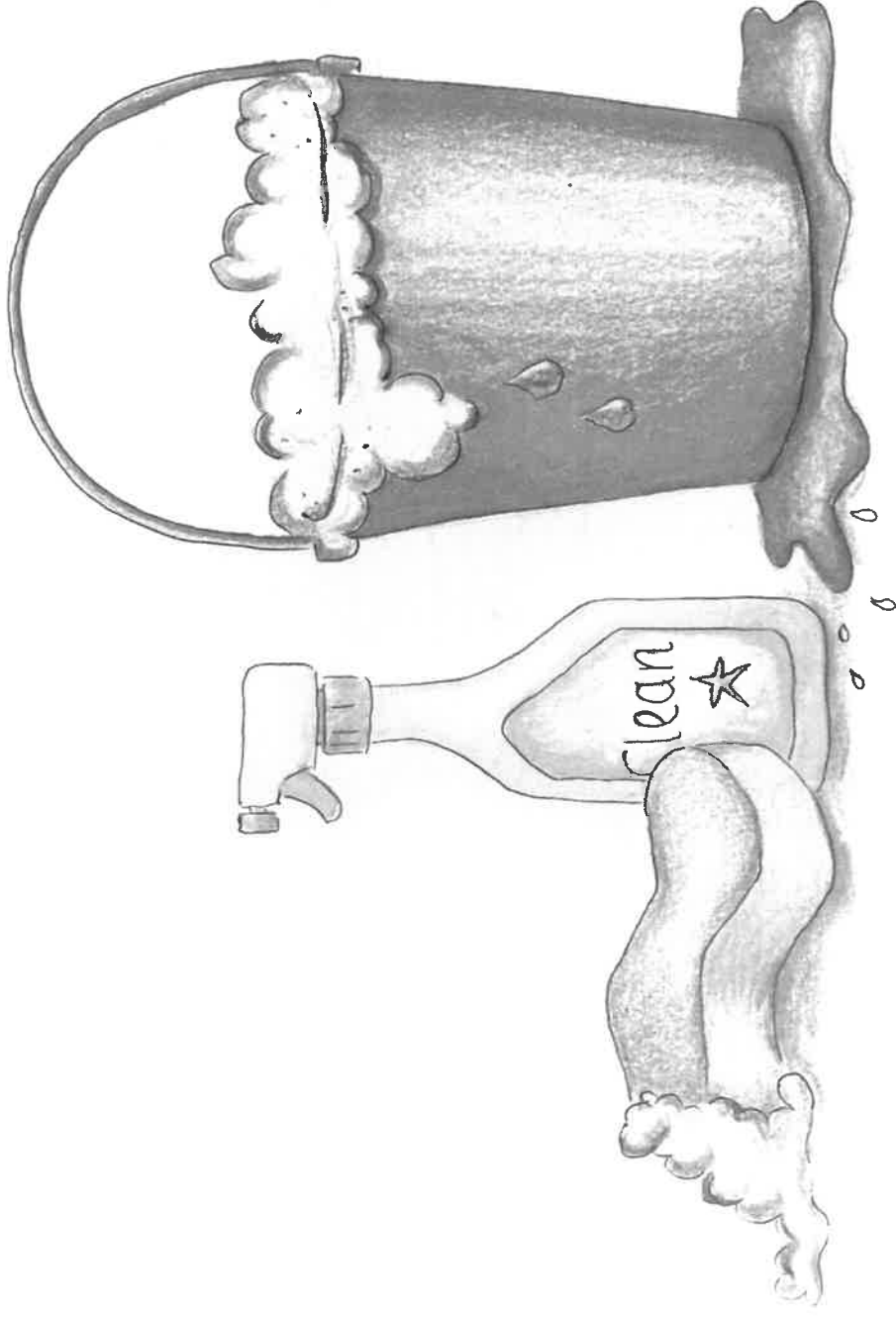


Your grown up will tell you about the plan for the day.

There will be lots of time to play with your friends.

We will try to play outside as much as we can if the weather is nice.

Being clean is extra important at the moment so we can keep everyone healthy.  
We are all going to be super cleaners!

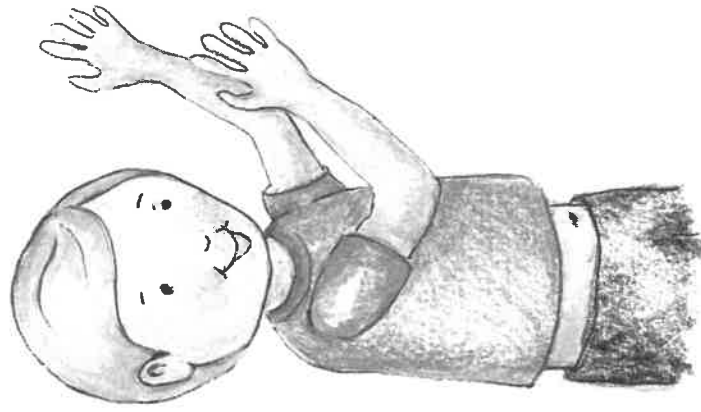
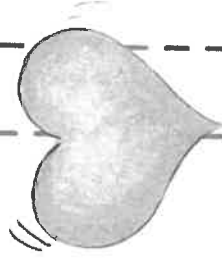


Playing can get very mucky, but some dirt is so small we can't even see it!  
So we will all be careful to clean toys after we have used them ready for the next person  
and we will wash our hands more often to make sure we are taking care  
of ourselves and our friends as best we can.



You have been staying in your houses for a long time now so you will really be looking forward to seeing your friends!

Coming back to school is the first step to us all being back together.



To begin with we will try not to get too close to our friends. We will play together but we will try not to hug and kiss and hold hands with each other yet.

There are lots of games we can play and things we can do without having to get too close.



At the end of the day we will share a story together and say goodbye.



We won't see each other as often as we are used to  
but that will make our time together extra special.

We are going to make sure that we have a lovely time in our bubbles.  
And one day soon we hope that we can pop all of the bubbles and have a huge hug!



Won't that be a lovely thing to look forward to?

This book has been created to ease the anxieties of children everywhere who are returning to school in a bubble.  
If you think it could help in your setting please feel free to share it whilst ensuring that the school and author are both credited.

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