HIGHGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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FRIENDSHIP • RESPECT • SUCCESS

Welcome to Pre Primary

When will my child come to school?

- Wednesday 1st February 2023.
- Please arrive at 8:30am.
- School commences at 8:45am and finishes at 2:55pm.
- Please be early to pick up to allow for parking and to ensure your child is not upset.
- Before and After School Care is available onsite.

What will my child need to wear to school?

- Uniform
- Shoes
- Hats
- Spare clothes

What will they need to bring to school?

- Bag – large enough for work, lunchbox, drink bottle and spare clothes.
- Hats – it's a good idea to have a spare at school.
- Spare change of clothes.
- Healthy snack for recess.
- Healthy lunch.
- Booklist requirements.
- At the commencement of 2023 each class teacher will send home a list of items that you may like to donate.
- Please leave toys/special things at home.

What will happen during the day?

- Wednesday Morning Dance and Junior Assembly
- Daily routines
- Play as Learning
- Library and Assembly
- Special events and celebrations

Focus on the Whole Child

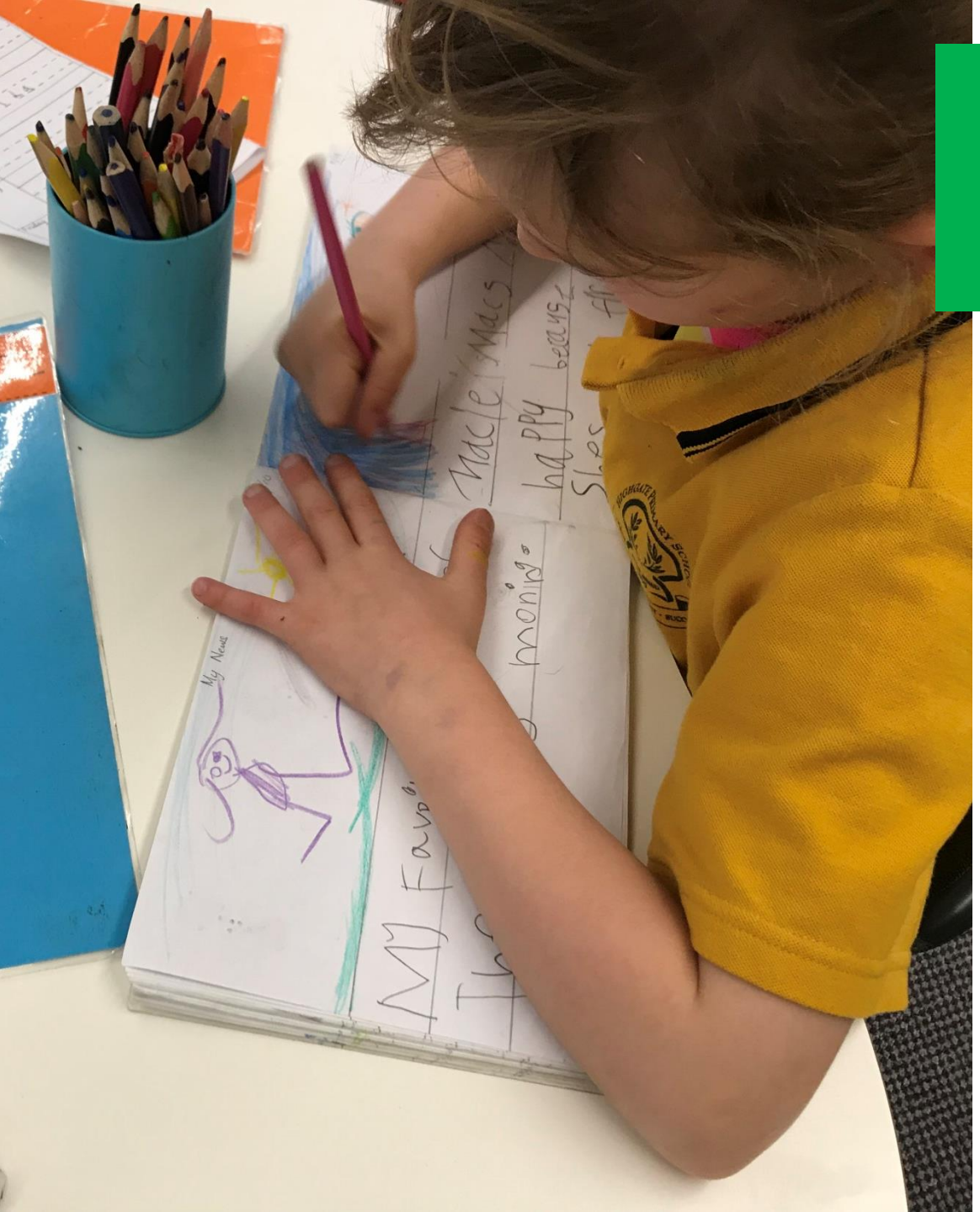
Program and Practice

Planning uses the Early Years Learning Framework: Being, Belonging and Becoming and the WA Curriculum.

With a focus on:

- Language and cognition, social-emotional and physical learning
- High expectations
- Developing a Growth Mindset
- Early intervention

Based on Developmental Theory to use age appropriate practice: being explicit, student centred and play based in a balanced way.



What will my child learn?

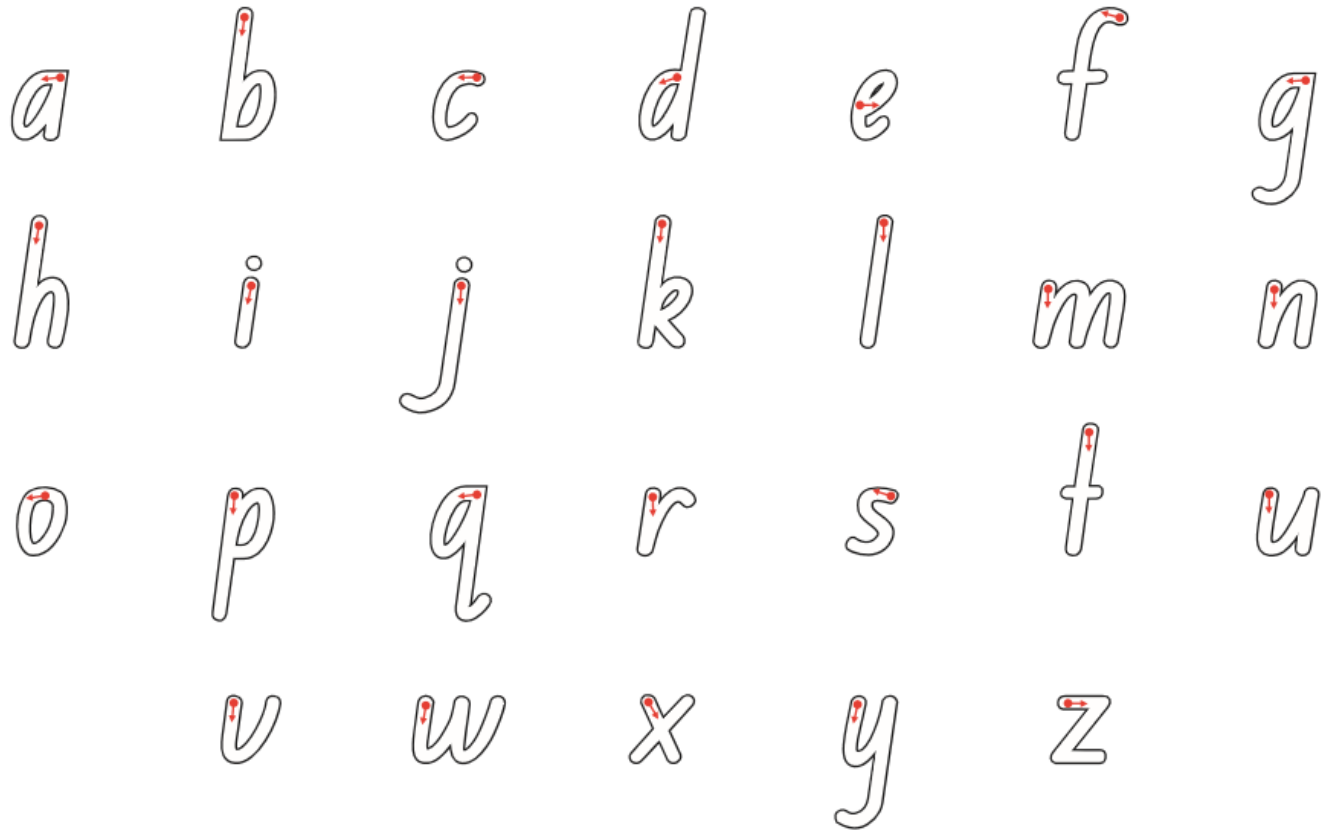
- Social emotional learning
- Oral language skills
- Fine and gross motor skills
- Critical and creative thinking
- Problem solving
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Science
- HASS
- Digital and Design Technologies
- Health and Physical Activity

Every day at Pre-Primary really matters

You can help your child by:

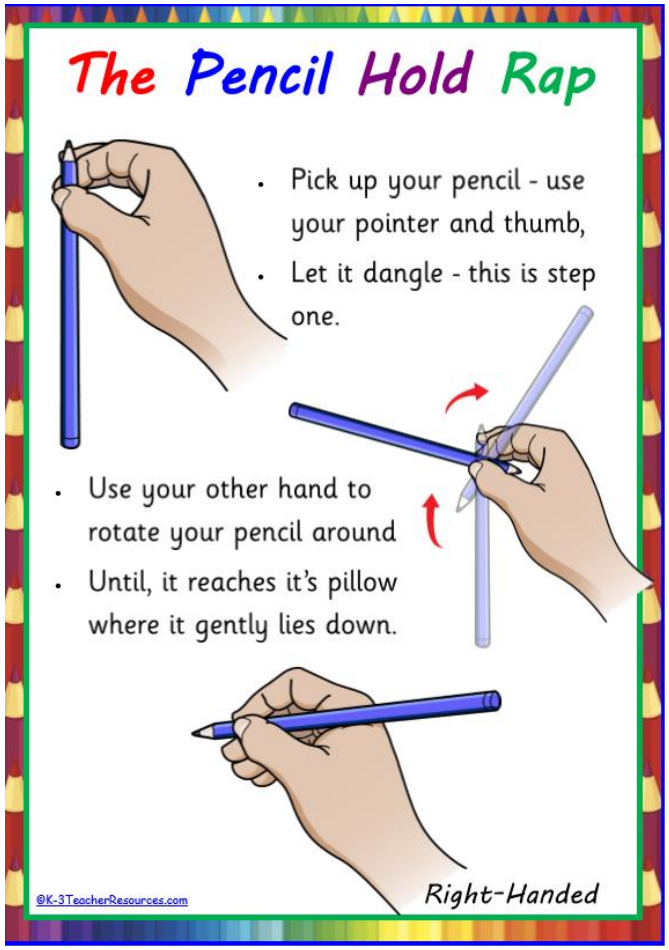
- Talking positively about school so your child is happy to go each day.
- Showing interest in what your child is doing at school and talking with the teacher about what you can do at home.
- Setting play dates to help your child make friends.
- Teaching your child how to share and take turns.
- Arriving at school and collecting your child from school on time.
- Making sure your child gets nutritious meals each day and enough sleep at night.
- Making appointments with doctors, dentists and specialists after school or during the school holidays.
- Taking family holidays during the school holidays and not during term time.

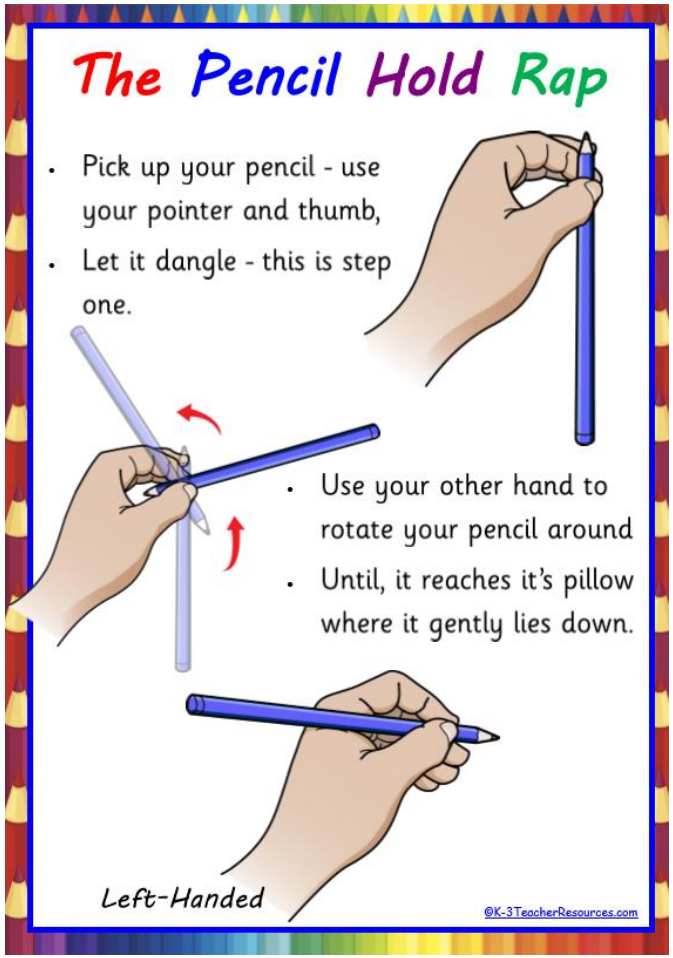
Learning to Write



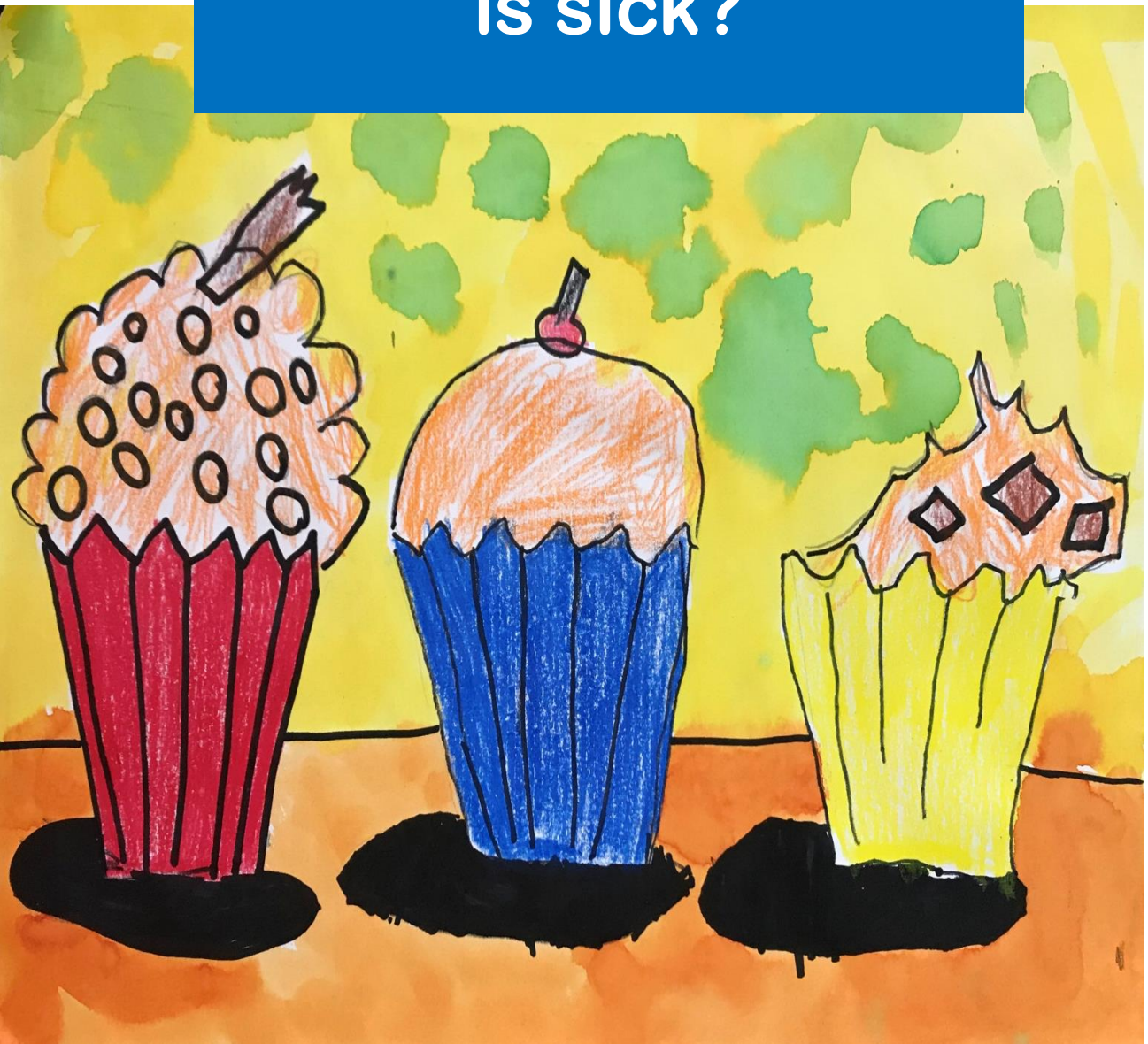
When helping your child, please start at the red dot and move firstly in the direction of the arrow. Do not allow your child to use capitals only. Correct pencil hold is important.

How to hold a Pencil





What if my child is sick?



- Stay at home if sick.
- Communicable diseases have exclusion periods.
- Medication can only be administered at school with correct paperwork.
- Tell the School of any changes in your child's medical needs.
- Head lice must be treated before returning to school.

What can I do to help my child start school confidently?

It is quite normal for a child and parents to be anxious about starting a new life experience.

If your child is unhappy or frightened about starting school, please watch the video for some helpful advice.

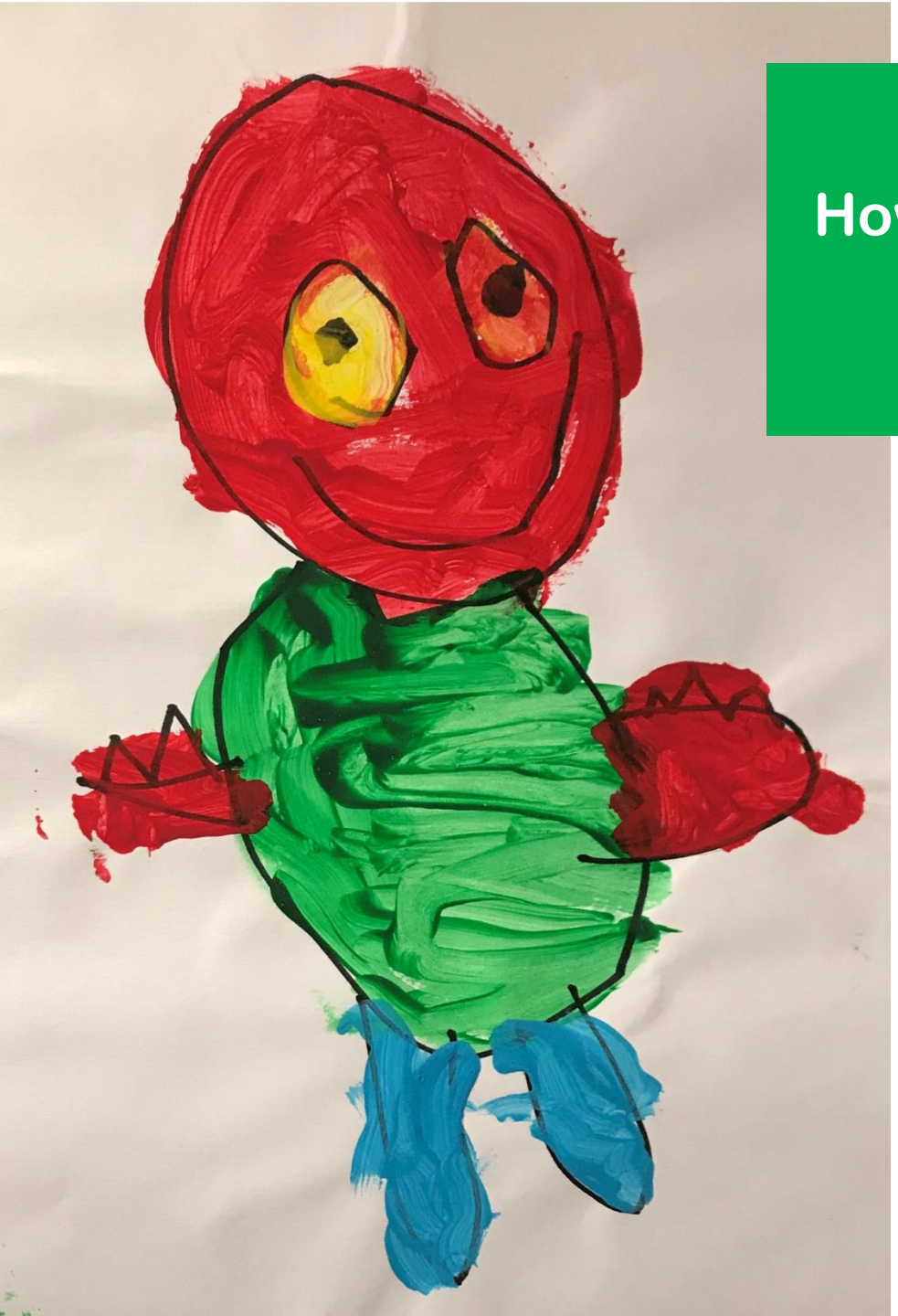
Video

What can I do at home to help my child's learning?

- Talk to them.
- Read together.
- Find fun ways to count, measure and compare.
- Know the class learning intentions and show interest in them.

How can I get involved with the school?

- Parent Roster, pre-organized visits and special events.
- P&C Association.
- School Board.
- Helping out with Fundraising, Busy Bees etc.
- Come along to the Big Night Out.



How will I know how my child is going at school?

There are many ways parents and teachers can keep in touch:

- Face to Face Chat
- Classroom Noticeboard
- Connect and Email
- Parent teacher meetings
- 3 Way and Case Conferences

We are always happy to arrange an interpreter if needed.