





For my newest nephew Finley who loves a cuddle. N.J. To my friend Alan—the best hugger. R.A.



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Matilda woke up feeling excited. It was her first day at The Meadows.



She put on her clothes,





But when Matilda arrived outside The Meadows, her tummy felt all squirmy.

'I love you,' said Mummy as she gave her a big hug. 'I'll be back to pick you up later.'

Suddenly Matilda didn't want Mummy to go.

It was hard saying goodbye.

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'I'm Miss Cartwright,' said her teacher. 'What would you like to play with?'

But Matilda didn't know what to do now Mummy had gone.



and a boy called Leo asked if she wanted to do some drawing.



A girl called Ana showed her the dinosaur toys

