

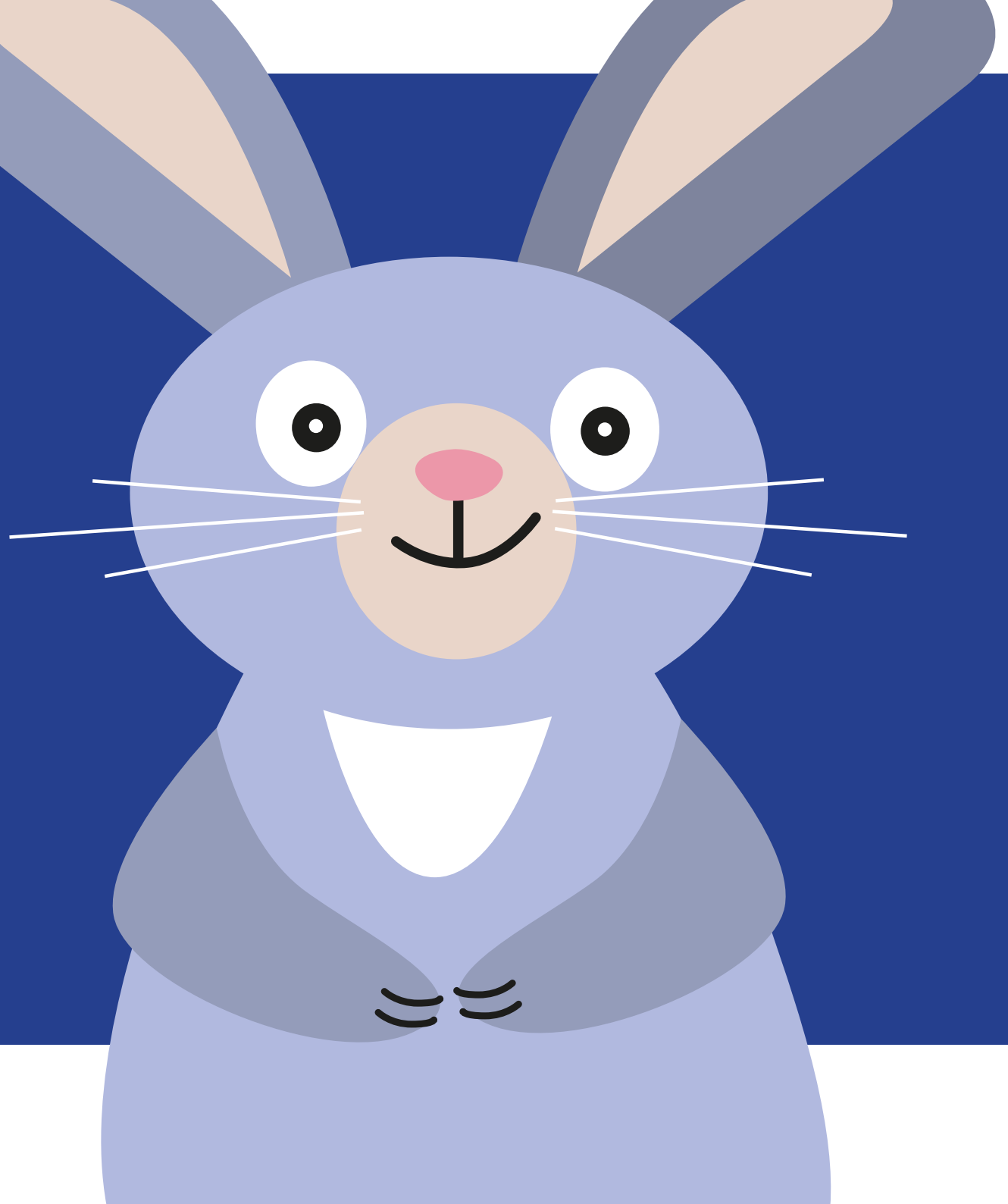


Ruby goes to Nursery

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This is Ruby.
Ruby has
just had her
birthday and
now she is
three.





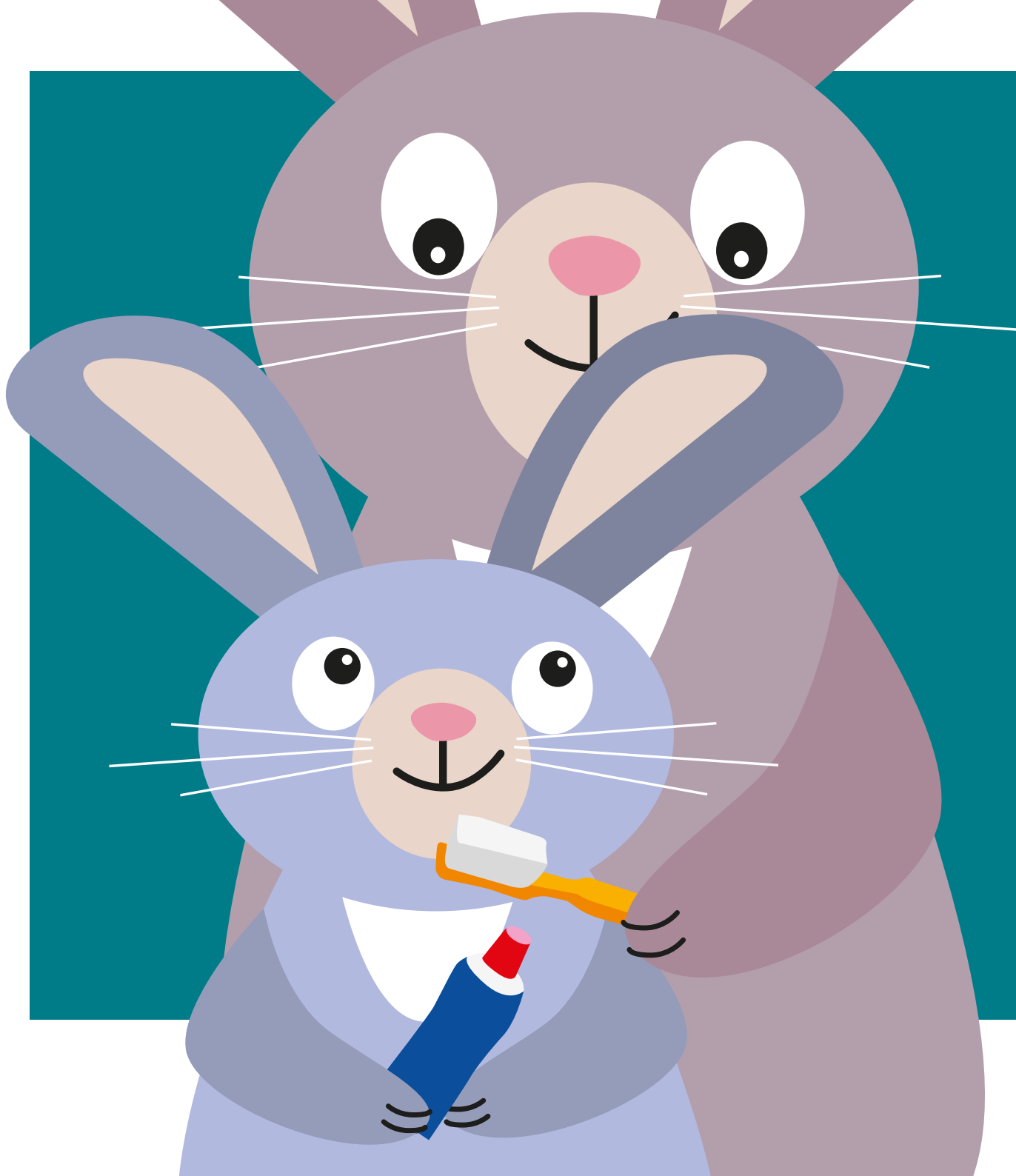
Tomorrow Ruby is going to nursery for the first time. Mum says it's going to be fun, there will be lots of other children to play with and she will make lots of new friends.

That night Ruby has a bath and goes to bed right on time. Dad reads her a story and she goes straight to sleep.



In the
morning
Mum wakes
her and says,
“Time to get
up and go to
nursery!”





Ruby eats
her breakfast
and then
Mum helps
her to clean
her teeth
and wash
her face.

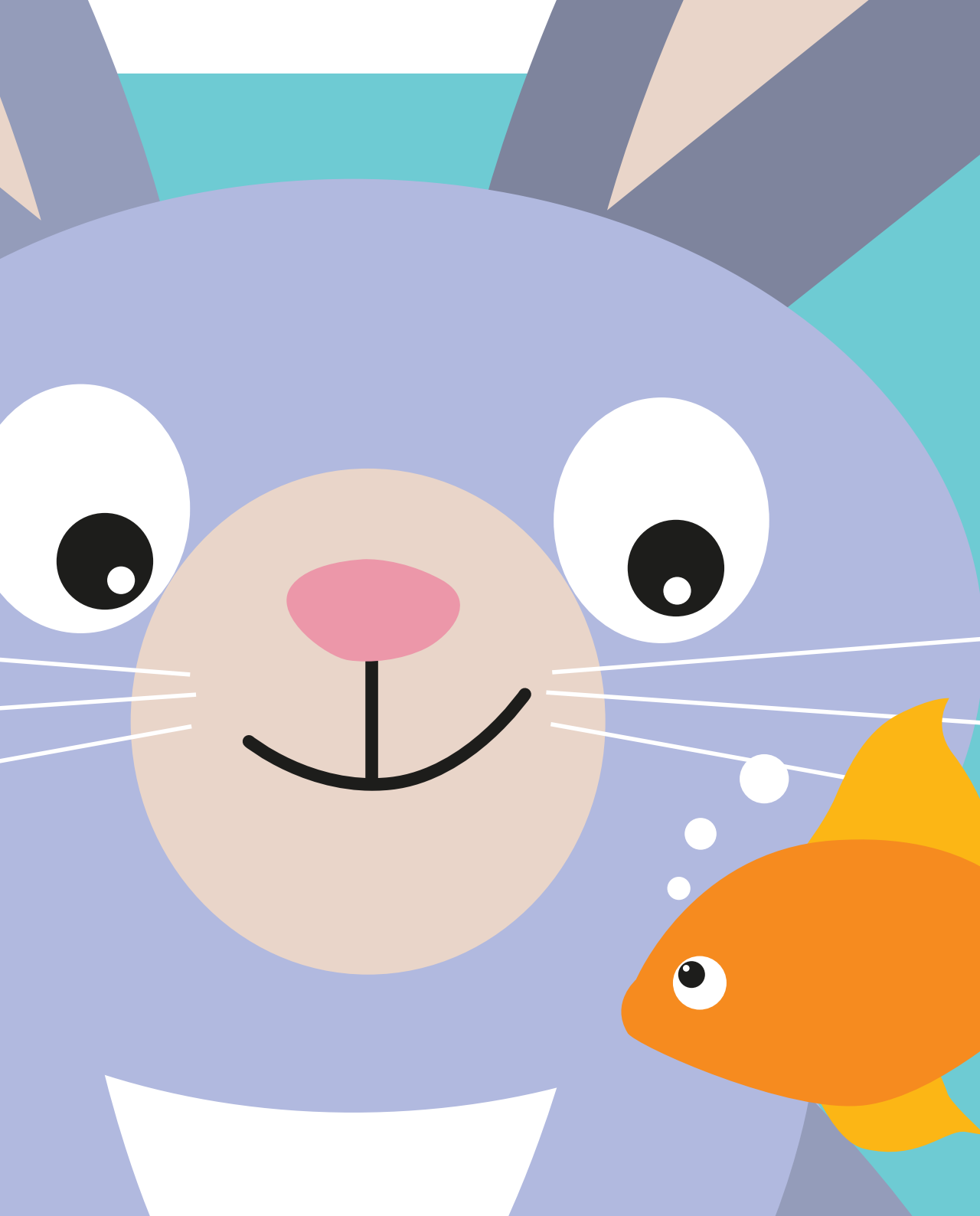
When they get to nursery a lady says,
“Hello, you must be
Ruby. My name
is Dawn.
Would you like to
say goodbye to
Mummy and come and
play?” Ruby’s not sure.



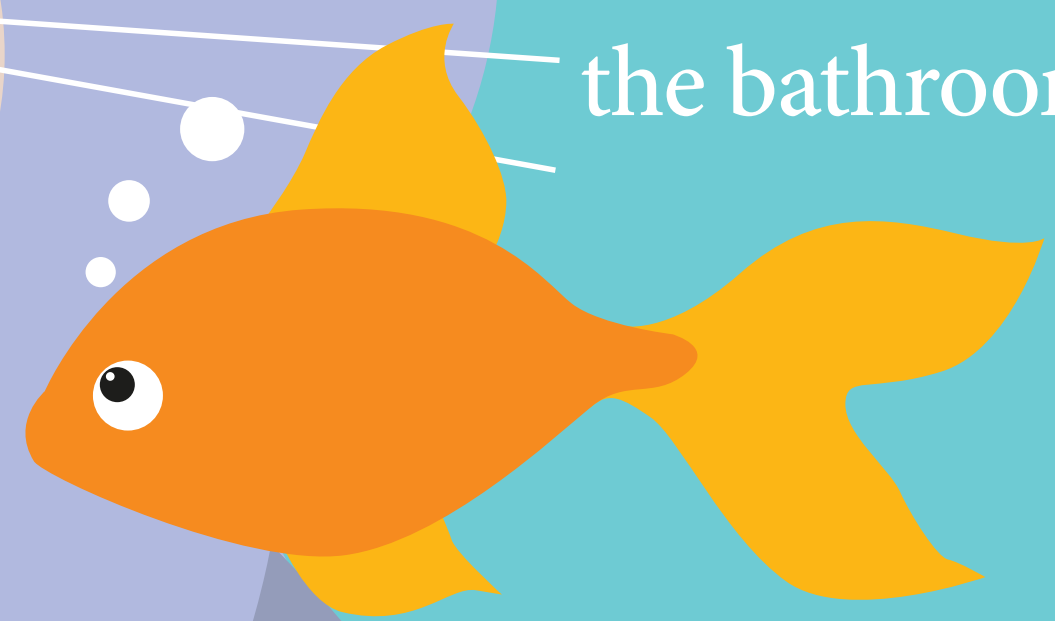
Mum says, “You go
and play, I’ll be back
to take you home
for lunch.”

She gives Ruby a
kiss and she waves
goodbye. “Don’t
forget to have fun!”
she says.





Dawn holds
Ruby's hand and
takes her into the
nursery. She shows
her the goldfish
and the sand and
the bathroom.

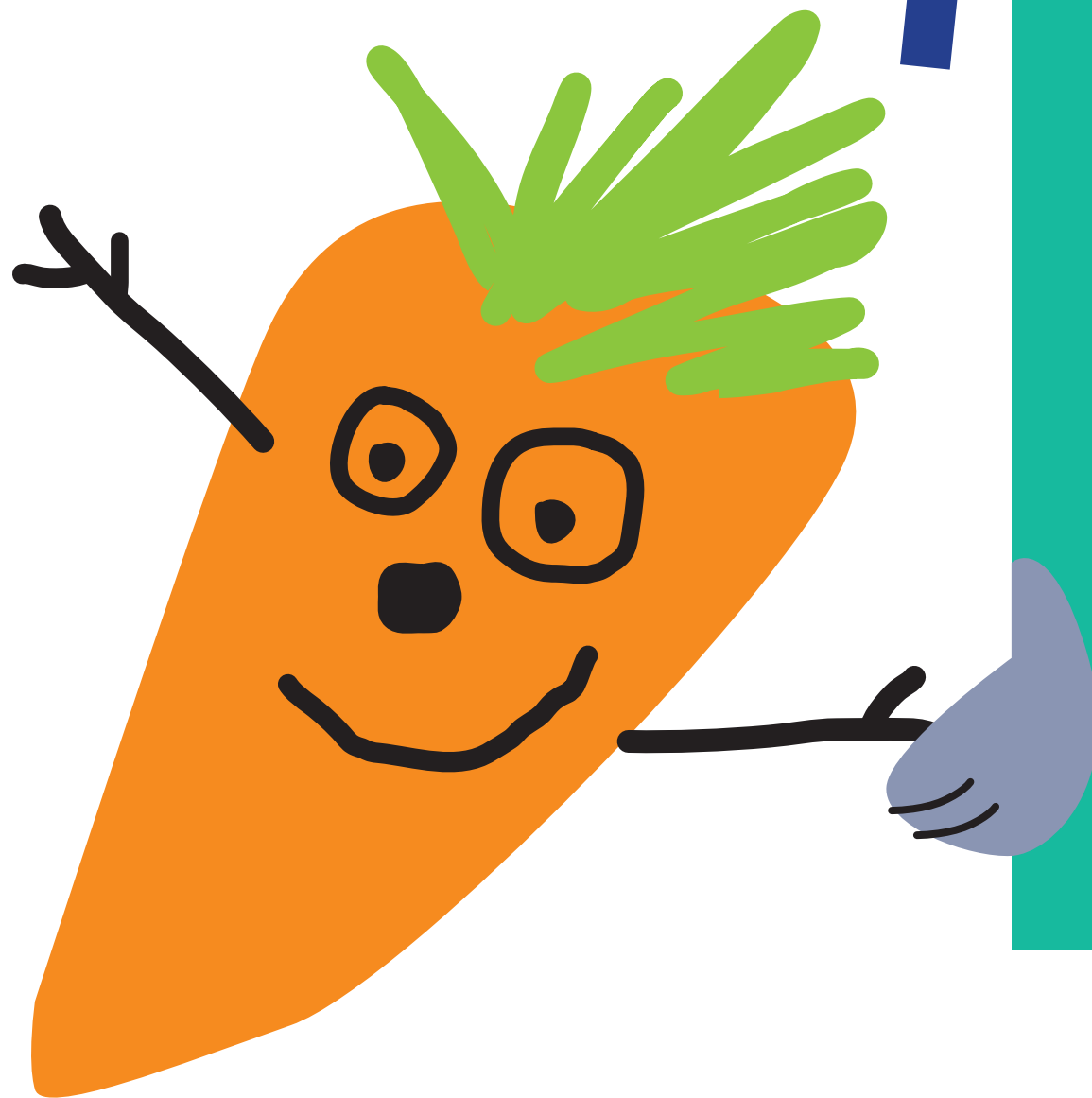


Ruby sees the painting easel and says, “Can I paint a picture for my Mum?”

Dawn says, “Of course!”



When Ruby
has finished
her painting
Dawn shows
her how to
hang it up to
dry.





Ruby looks in
the garden and
sees bikes and a
play house
and things to
climb on. Dawn
says she can go
and explore if
she wants to.

After a little while she hears
Dawn calling “Snack time!”
She follows the other children
into a large room and
sits on the carpet just
like they do. Next to
her is a little girl, who says,
“Hello, I’m Millie.
Are you new?”



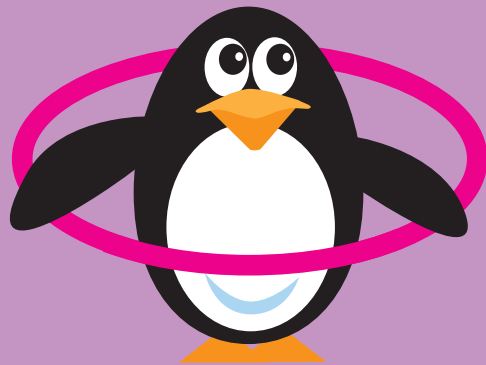


While they eat
their fruit
and drink
their milk
Millie tells her
lots of things
about the
nursery.

When they've
finished,
Millie
says,
"Let's play
outside,
I love
the play
house!"



Ruby is having so much fun that before she knows it Dawn calls her and says, “Ruby! Mummy’s here, it’s time to go home!”



“But I don’t want to go home,” says Ruby, “I want to stay and play for longer.”

“You can come again tomorrow”, says Dawn, “I’m so glad you’ve had fun and made a friend!”



A cartoon illustration of two rabbits. The rabbit in the foreground is purple with large, upright ears, a pink nose, and a smiling mouth. It has white whiskers and is wearing a blue collar. The rabbit in the background is blue and partially obscured. The background is a solid dark blue.

As they
walk home,
Ruby tells her
Mummy all
about Millie,
the playhouse
and the
goldfish.



'Ruby goes to nursery' is a free resource for parents and teachers.

This book is intended to stimulate conversation to help young children who are just starting nursery.

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