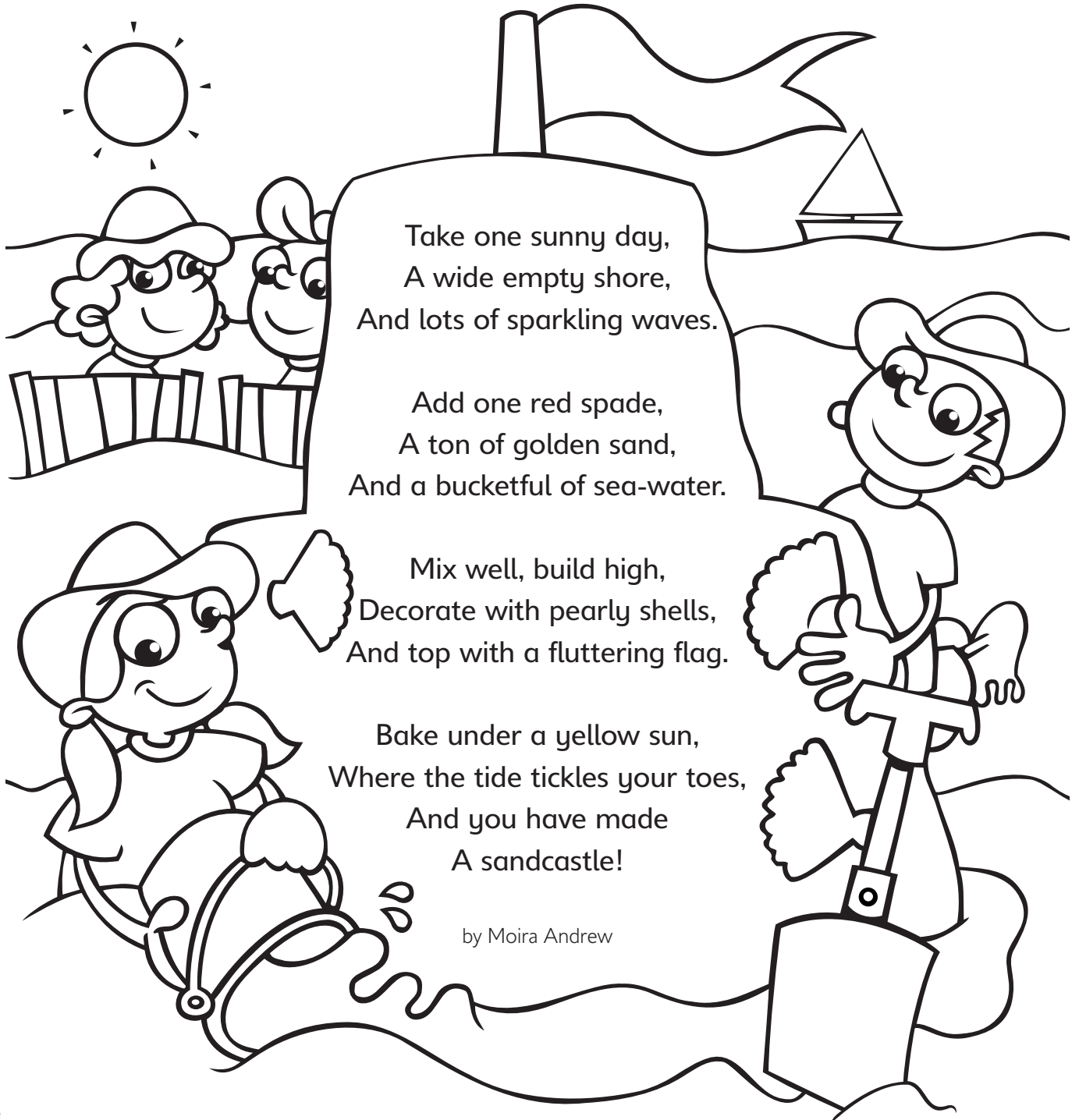


# Recipe for a sandcastle



Take one sunny day,  
A wide empty shore,  
And lots of sparkling waves.

Add one red spade,  
A ton of golden sand,  
And a bucketful of sea-water.

Mix well, build high,  
Decorate with pearly shells,  
And top with a fluttering flag.

Bake under a yellow sun,  
Where the tide tickles your toes,  
And you have made  
A sandcastle!

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## Teachers' notes

Look at a simple recipe book and talk about what it tells us. Read the poem to the children and ask, *Why has the poet used this title? Find the recipe words that tell us what to do, for example, take, add, mix and bake. Can the children think of any more?*

Discuss the things you would need to build a sandcastle, such as lots of waves, sea-water and so on. Invite the class to create a new recipe poem, keeping to the three-line format of the original.