

## *Did children go to school?*

There were no schools in Plymouth that first year. Everyone was too busy to bother about school.

But you would learn to read. You would learn your ABC's with a kind of book called a *hornbook*.

The hornbook was not a real book with pages. It was a piece of wood with a piece of paper on top of it. The ABC's were printed on the paper. Then a thin sheet of animal horn was put on top of the paper to protect it. You could see right through the horn.

Not everyone in Plymouth knew how to read or write. Those who knew taught the others.

Boys and girls learned to read the Bible. There were no storybooks for children in Plymouth. If you liked to read, you had to read the same books as the grown-ups.