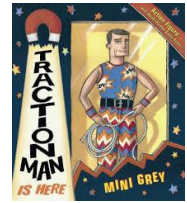

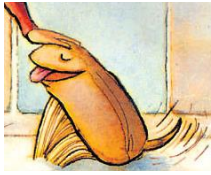
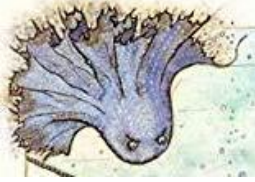




Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

In English, we have continued to read the book 'Traction Man' and met his trusty sidekick Scrubbing Brush. Traction Man goes on many adventures to save helpless victims such as the farm animals, the dolls and the injured spoons. Meet all of the key characters below:



				
Traction Man	Scrubbing Brush	Poisonous Dishcloth	Evil Broom	Doctor Sock

We have also looked at how to write in the past tense. We reminded ourselves that verbs ending in the suffix -ing or -s, are more commonly used in the present tense and that words ending in the suffix -ed, are used in the past tense.

Present: Traction Man jumps into the water.

Past: Traction Man jumped into the water.

However, this week we learnt that you can write stories in the past tense by using words ending in -ing. This is called the past progressive. To make -ing words work in the past tense, we need to write was (for one person) or were (for more than one) in front of the word.

Past: Traction Man tickled the toes.

Past progressive: Traction man was tickling the toes.

Past: The spoons shouted for help.

Past progressive: The spoons were shouting for help.

In Maths this week, we have learnt an important life skill of totalling money and used this to find change and recap + and -. Our top tip to each other was to either add the two coins with the greatest value first or add coins of the same value to begin with. Some examples of purses we calculated can be found below:



If anybody would like some further practice at totalling money or choosing coins to make an amount, there are some interactive games that can be found at the following web addresses:

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/money/coins-game>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/money/toy-shop-money>

As always, many thanks for your support,

Miss Heneghan, Mrs Haigh and the Year 2 Team