

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term break. We have been impressed with how quickly the children have settled back into school this week and how hard they have worked.

In English, the children have each written their own Traction Man adventure in which Traction Man went on an adventure to the beach! In some children's stories, he saved the 'Fearful Fish' from the 'Cruel Crab', others had the 'Shy Shells' being rescued from the evil clutches of the 'Bossy Bucket' and many children made up their own villain, victim and problem. Once again, Traction Man saved the day! What would we do without Traction Man?



In Maths, we spent time becoming increasingly familiar with the names and properties of 3D shapes including the number of faces, edges and vertices that they have. Although it is possible to have the shape out in front of you and count these properties, we found that it is much quicker and simpler to just learn them as facts like we would our times tables. These are the names of the shapes and their properties that the children need to know:

Name of shape	Faces	Edges	Vertices
cube	6	12	8
cuboid	6	12	8
sphere	1	0	0
cone	2	1	0 (1 apex)
cylinder	3	2	0
pyramid	5	8	5

We have also had an exciting week of additional events in Year 2!

- In our RESPECT lesson, children who are campaigning to become school councillor had the opportunity to share their speeches, badges or slogans with the class. Voting will take place next week with results to be announced in Wednesday's assembly.
- We joined together on Thursday to celebrate World Book Day by sharing our favourite books in class.
- We have enjoyed looking at the children's World Book Day competition entries; they really are a creative group!

In CCL this half term, we will continue to study our current topic 'Transport' by comparing modes of transport from the past and how they differ from those in the present. Don't forget that as part of this, we will be holding our exciting Bike Ability day on Wednesday 30th March. Further details will follow about this in a letter over the next few weeks so watch this space!

In Indoor PE, we have started a new Dance unit in which we will be creating a dance themed around our current CCL topic of Transport. It will include lots of different movements and actions sequenced together to show journeys on different modes of transport. We look forward to being able to perform our final dance to the other class in Year 2!

Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Haigh, Miss Heneghan and the Year 2 Team