



Talk for Writing

Cinderella

Once upon a time there was a young girl called Cinderella. She lived with her mean stepmother and two stepsisters. She worked hard all day long and at night slept by the fireside.

One day a letter arrived from the palace. The prince was holding a ball and everyone was invited. Cinderella's stepmother said to her "You cannot go! You must stay here and clean."

Cinderella sat down in tears "I wish I could go to the ball" she said.



Suddenly a kind-looking lady appeared. "I am your fairy godmother and I will grant you your wish. You shall go to the ball!"

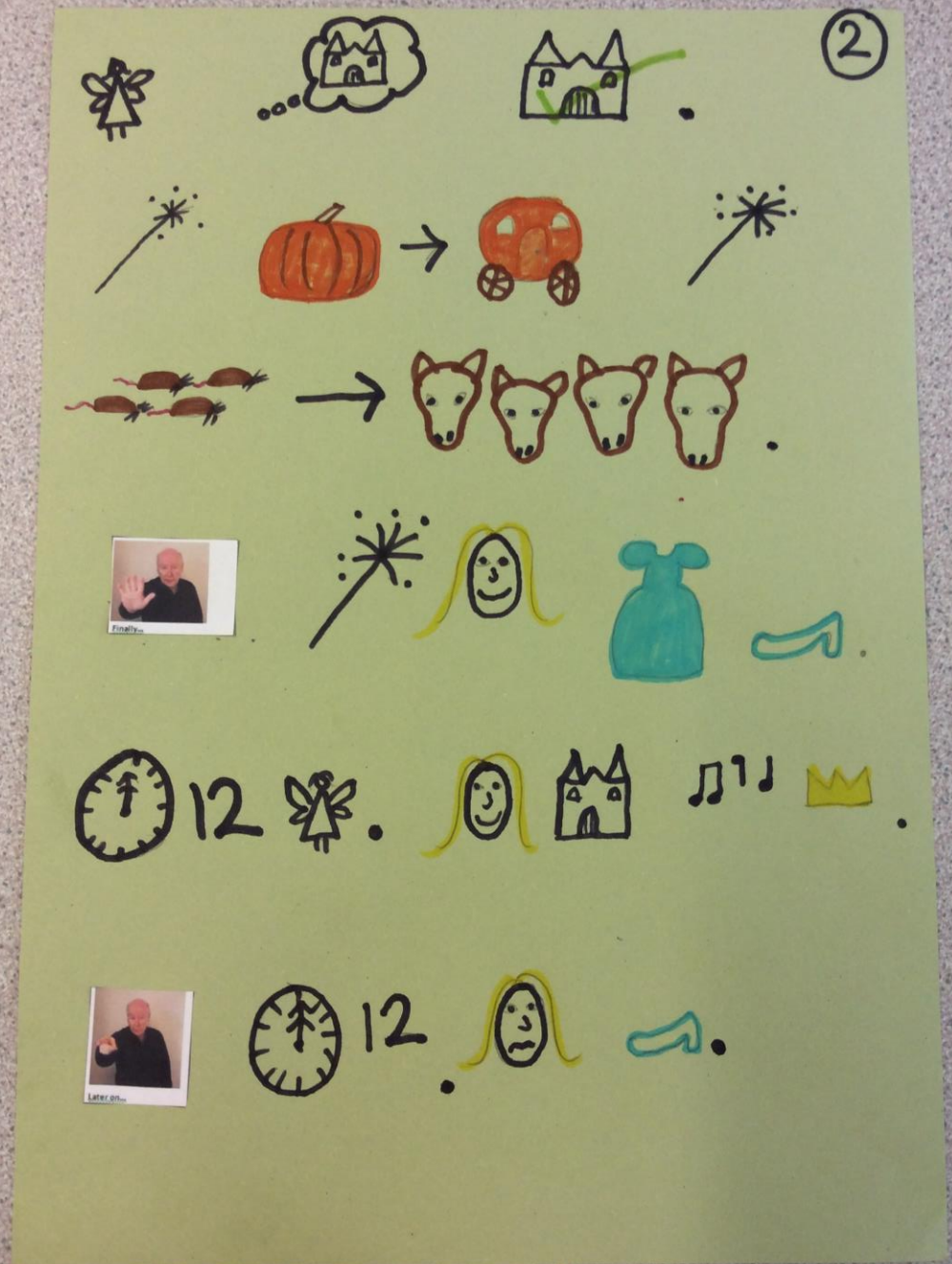
The fairy godmother waved her wand and turned a pumpkin into a carriage. Then she waved her wand again and four mice became four horses.

Finally she twirled her wand and Cinderella looked down to see she was wearing a sparkly dress and glass slippers.

"Don't forget the magic will stop as the clock strikes twelve." Said the fairy godmother.

Cinderella arrived at the ball where she danced with the prince all evening.

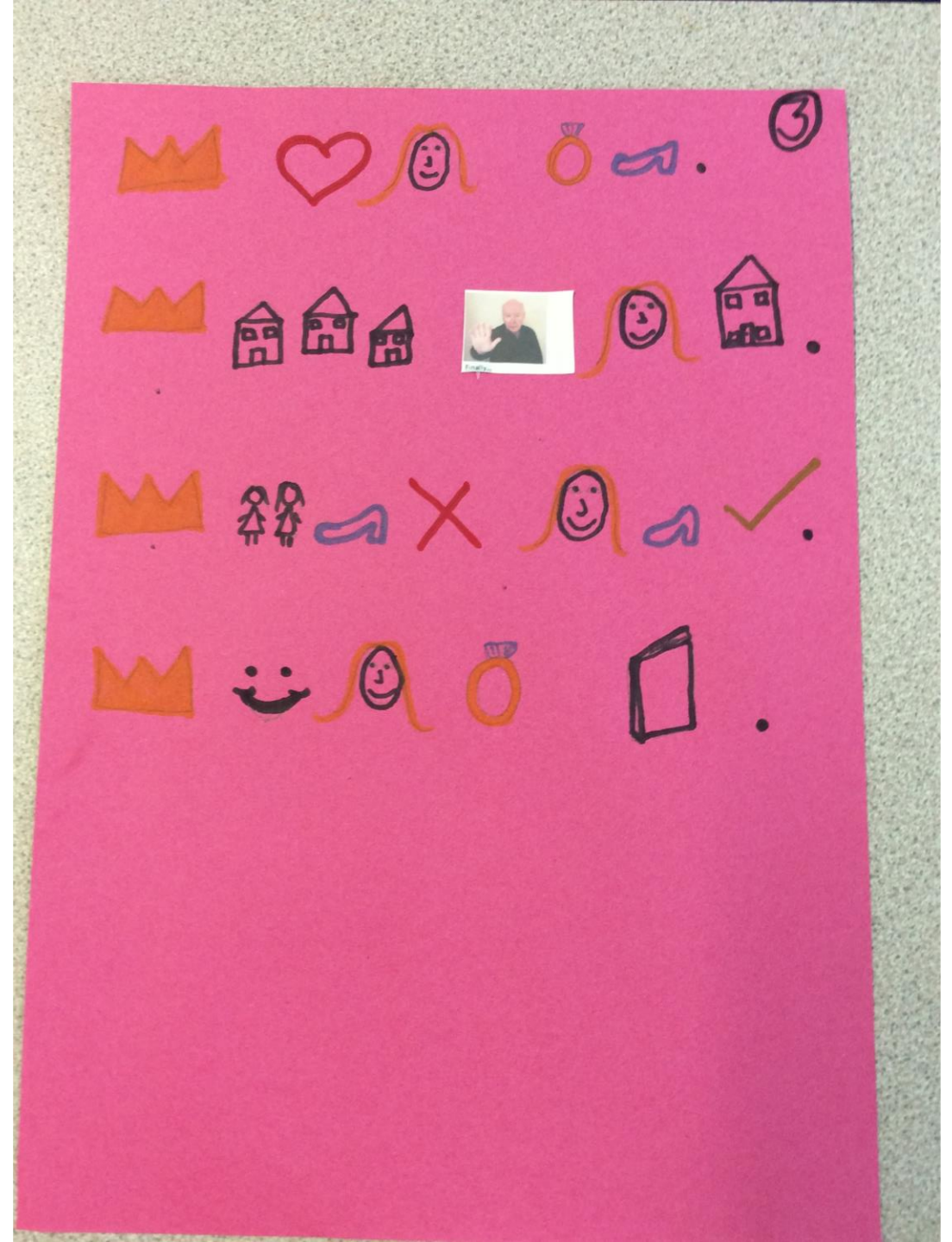
Later on the clock struck twelve. Cinderella ran from the palace but on the way lost a glass slipper.



The prince had fallen in love with Cinderella and said he would marry the owner of the glass slipper. He visited every house and finally arrived he at Cinderella's house.

The prince asked the stepsisters to try on the slipper but it didn't fit, then he asked Cinderella, the slipper fitted perfectly.

The prince was so happy to have found Cinderella, they got married and lived happily ever after. The End.



What actions can you think of to help you to remember the story?

These could include:

- Pretending to open a book for 'Once upon a time'
- Pretending to push a broom for 'worked hard all day long'
- Pretending to wave a wand for 'twirled her wand'
- Making a heart with your hands for 'fallen in love'
- Pretending to close a book for 'The end'

Can you think of an action for the different characters in the story?

Once you have your actions can you have a go at retelling the story of Cinderella?