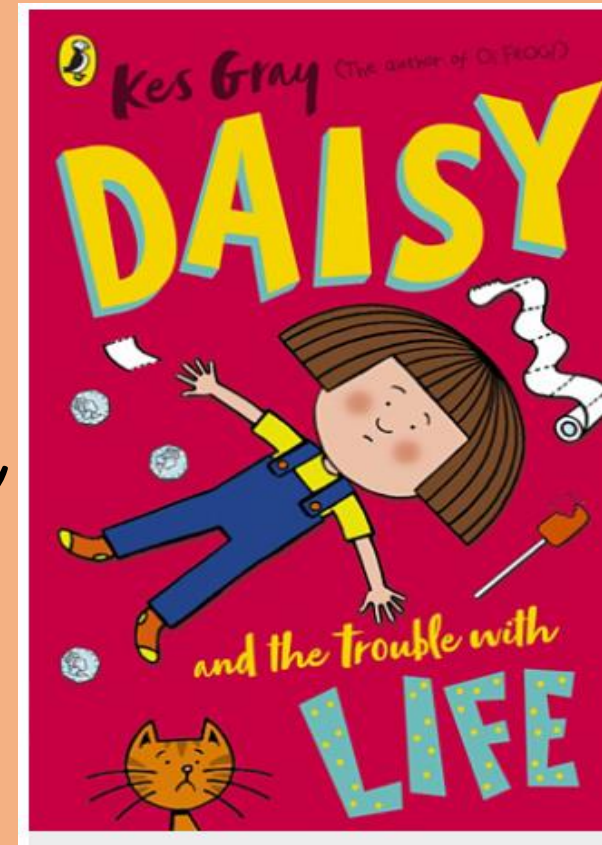


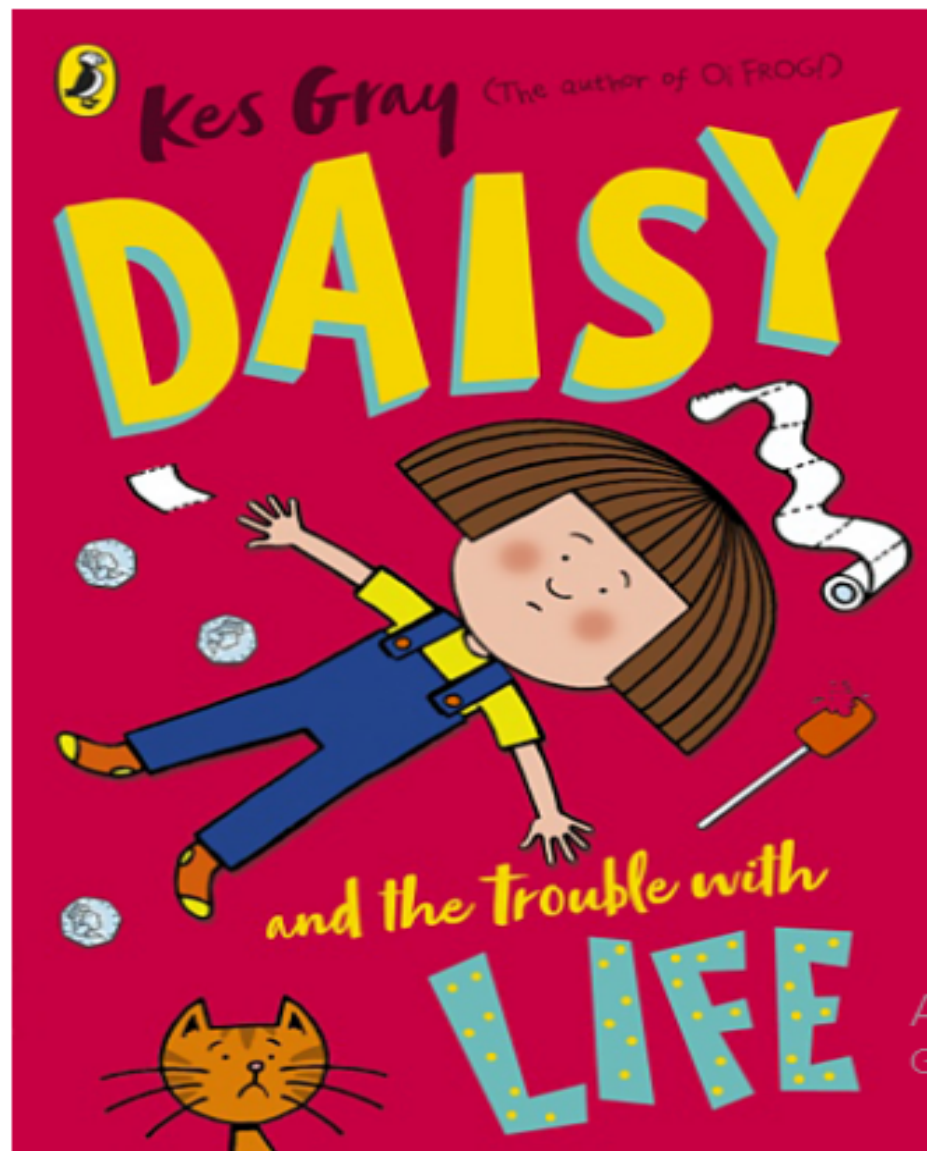
Tuesday 21st April 2020
Reading activity

Listen to a short extract from
*Daisy and the Trouble with
life* using the link below.



Read this short extract from 'Daisy and the Trouble with Life' and then try the activity below.

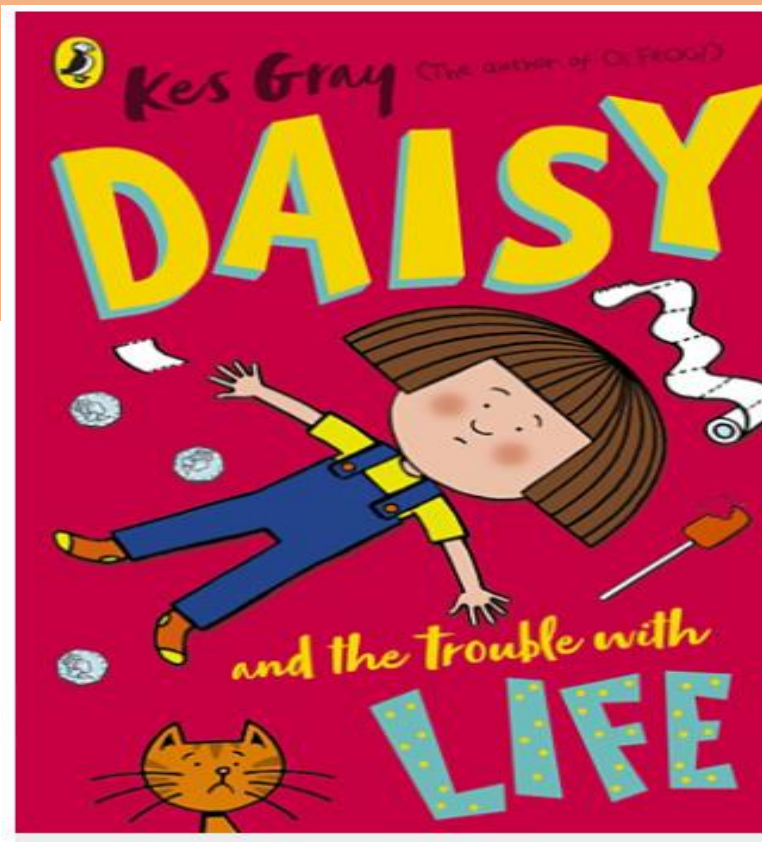
I don't know why it's called "grounded" anyway. If you ask me, if someone says you're grounded, then it should mean you have to stay on the ground. No hopping and jumping, flying or parachuting. That's what grounded should mean: staying on the ground. Whether it's inside ground or out- side ground, it shouldn't make any difference. As long as you're on the ground you should be OK. Both my trainers were on the ground in the hallway this morning when Gabby called for me. Gabby is my secret sister. We're in a secret club – in fact it's so secret, only me and her are in it. Every Saturday we take it in turns to be club leader and think of things to do. Last week it was my turn to choose, so we dug a mud trap in my back garden. Then we magicked Tiptoes, the cat from next door, into a lion and tried to get him to fall into our trap. But he wouldn't. He just stayed on Mrs Pike's wall and refused to come down. That's the trouble with cats. They only ever want to do cat things, not lion things.



In the end we had to bang him down with a spade. Gabby hit the wall with the spade handle and I kicked the wall with my trainers. Tiptoes jumped down then all right. He jumped down off the wall on the very first bang. Only not into my garden, into Mrs Pike's. He never comes into our garden any more. In fact I didn't see him on the wall for five days after that. Gabby says he must have seen us making the mud trap, and it would have been better if we'd magicked him into a hippopotamus. Hippopotamuses love mud.

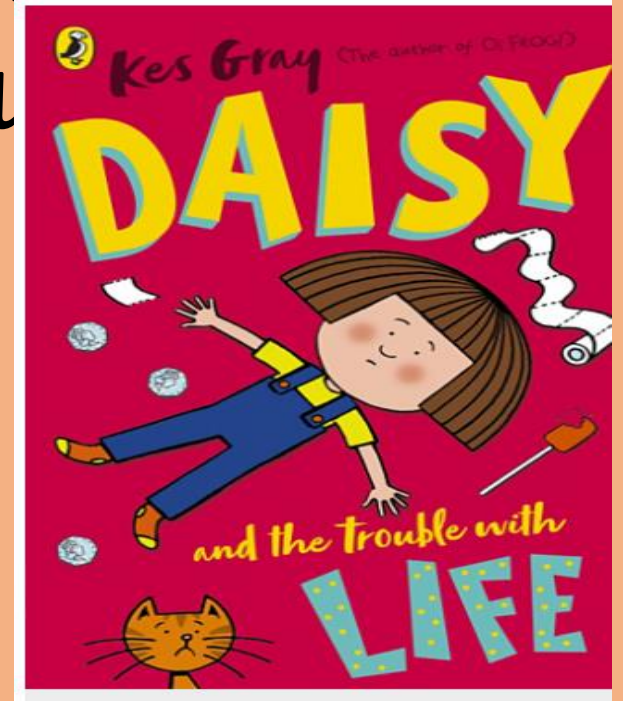
Gabby's definitely right, so that's what we were going to try today. A better spell and a bigger trap. Except we can't now, because I'm not allowed out to play. Thanks to Mum.

Excuse me a minute. I need to go somewhere again!



Your task

There are three tasks. Everyone will need to complete task 1 and if you would like to challenge yourself you can try task 2 and 3.



Remember we learn through challenges so make sure you give it a go!

Activity 1

Answer these questions:

- 1) Look at the beginning of the extract. What does Daisy think being grounded means?
- 2) Where were Daisy's trainers?
- 3) According to the text, who is Gabby?
- 4) What did they dig last Saturday?
- 5) What is the cat called?
- 6) Did the cat do what Daisy wanted it to?
- 7) Which animal does Gabby think they should have magicked the cat into?
- 8) What two things are Gabby and Daisy going to try next?

Activity 2

Summarise what is happening

Can you summarise what happened in the extract above by creating some phrases? A phrase is a group of words that go together. For example, 'secret sister Gabby'.

Read through the extract again (in activity 1) and see how many you can come up with.

Here are some to get you started:

- not allowed to jump
- secret sister Gabby

Activity 3 – Predicting what might happen

Read this other extract from 'Daisy and the Trouble with Life' then do the activity below it.

My mum says if I keep frowning and the wind changes, my face will stay that way. Well, she should have thought of that before she grounded me. It's totally her fault I can't go out to play with Gabby and it's totally her fault I'm having to frown so much.

I mean, just think. If it had been windy this morning when I opened the front door, my face might have turned into the worst frowning face in the world. For ever!

And who would have been to blame?

It wouldn't have been me.

It wouldn't have been Gabby.

It would have been Mum! It would have been totally all Mum's fault. And our front door's.

OOH dear . . . I need to go some-where again. Back in a minute!

Activity 3 – Predicting what might happen

Where do you think Daisy is actually going?

Use the start of the sentences below and see if you can come up with some ideas of where she might be going. Remember, she is grounded.

She might be _ _ _ _ _

She could be _ _ _ _ _

Maybe she is _ _ _ _ _

What if she is _ _ _ _ _