**Year 1 - The Magic Paintbrush Diary by Ma Liang**

What a few days I have had, you won’t believe what has happened to me! My Life has changed forever. Yesterday, I woke up from a very strange dream, to find a magic paintbrush next to my bed. I felt nervous, and excited. As soon as I could, I rushed to the fields so that I could use the paintbrush to help other people.

First I saw that the people didn’t have any water, so I painted a river. It came to life. Water splashed everywhere.

Next, I saw that people were hungry, so I painted lots of delicious food.

Next, I saw some people were homeless, and scared, so I painted them a house. They were so happy. Everyone was so pleased about my magic paintbrush.

But, last night, the king’s men came to steal my paintbrush and threw me in jail. It was cold and dark and I felt scared and lonely. Moments later, I was being called to the palace to help the king. The magic paintbrush wouldn’t work for him. He wanted me to paint him a golden mountain. I didn’t know what to do, I knew he was a bad man. But then, I had an idea. I drew a big ocean, then I drew the golden mountain far away. Then I drew a big ship for the king and the men to travel on. Then, once they were on the ocean, I drew a giant wave and that was the end of him!

Now I can use the magic paintbrush to help those who need it.

**Structure of a Recount – Stepping**

1. Introduction – Ma Liang talked about his feelings and the amazing few days he had.
2. First event – Ma Liang told us about the magic paint brush and how he helped other people. He draw a river, plates of food and a house.
3. Second event – Ma Liang was taken prisoner by the king’s men. He felt scared and lonely. The magic paintbrush was stolen.
4. Third event – The King asked Ma Liang to draw him a golden mountain. Ma Liang had a great idea to get rid of the greedy king and his men with an enormous wave.
5. Conclusion – Ma Liang took the magic paintbrush home and got to help other people in need and lead a happy life.

A recount tells us what happened in order.