



Year 2: English

We are learning about Traditional Tales (Stories)



What do we need to know?

- Must** - I must be able to name some traditional stories. I must be able to retell a traditional story.
- Should** - I should be able to explain the features of traditional stories. I should be able to write a traditional story with a beginning, middle and an end.
- Could** - I could write my own version of a traditional story and change some of the characters, or the setting, or even the ending.

Going the extra mile...

- 1) Make puppets from your favourite traditional story and retell the story.
- 2) Ask older members of your family about the traditional stories they remember from their childhood.
- 3) Draw a 'story map' from your favourite traditional tale.
- 4) Create a picture of your favourite character from a traditional and add a speech bubble. You could even write a character profile too!

Traditional Tales Vocabulary

Tale, villains, heroes, character, beginning, middle, ending, setting, magic

Once upon a time...

A long, long time ago...

Happily ever after...

Far, far away...

Key features of Traditional Tales

- They were first told by storytellers.
- They have good characters and bad characters.
- They have special traditional story language.
- They have lots of descriptions (danced elegantly, they searched far and wide).
- There is a problem to resolve.
- Lots of people of different ages know them.
- They have talking animals.
- Some have important numbers in their titles, such as 3 (pigs or bears) and 7 (dwarves or wishes).
- They usually have lots of repeated events.
- They usually have lots of repeated phrases. e.g "I'll huff and I'll puff..." "Run, run as fast as you can..."

Key questions

- What is a traditional story?
- What are the key features of a traditional story?
- How many traditional stories do you know?
- Where does the story take place?
- Who are the characters?
- How does the story begin?
- What happens at the end?
- How many repeated phrases do you know from different Traditional Tales?

Helpful Websites:

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/english/englishC4.htm>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/literacy/cbeebiesradio>

