

Year 1 Knowledge Organiser: **Fairy Tales**

History of Traditional Tales



Traditional tales or fairy tales can be traced back hundreds, even thousands of years. They were first handed down by storytelling and then finally, written down.



Facts about Fairy Tales



In fairy tales, kings, queens, princes and princesses live in castles.



Many fairy tales are set in woodlands and forests.



Fairy tales are set in the past and show the clothes that people used to wear a long time ago.



There are lots of new stories that tell fairy tales in different ways.

VOCABULARY

Traditional Tale

A **traditional tale** is a well-known story that has been told and re-told for many years.

Fairy Tale

A **fairy tale** is a short fictional tale with human characters set in a magical fantasy realm.

Examples: Cinderella, Snow White, The Little Mermaid

Fable

A short tale about animals acting as humans. It usually has a moral lesson.

Examples: The Tortoise and the Hare, The Lion and the Mouse

Folktale

A **folktale** is a fictional story passed down from generation to generation orally.

Examples: Stone Soup, Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Setting

The setting is the time and place in which the story happens.

Character

A person or animal in story.

Hero

The main character in a story. A hero is usually good and well-liked.

Villain

The character who is the opposite of the hero. The villain could be mean, nasty or evil.

Plot

The events that make up the main part of the story.

History Fact: Brothers Grimm



Over 200 years ago in Germany, the Brothers Grimm wrote down the very first traditional tales. They heard them from storytellers all over Europe. Have you read any of their tales?

Rapunzel, Cinderella, Snow White, Hansel and Gretel, Thumbelina, The Frog Prince, The Elves and the Shoemaker and many more!

