



Year 4 English Graduate Award - Spring

What is a Traditional Tale?

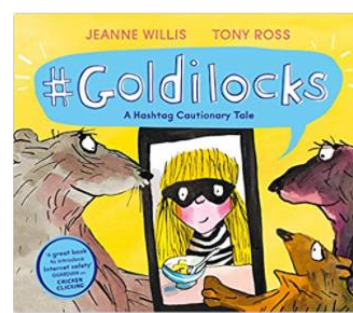
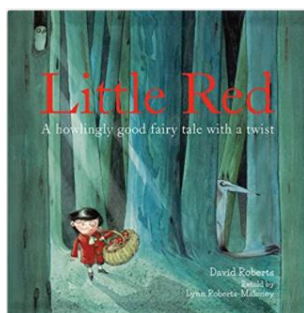
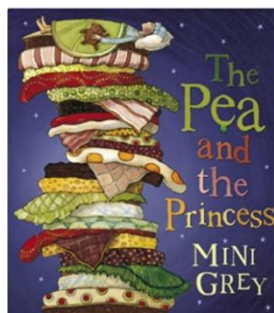
A Traditional Tale is a story that has been told and re-told for hundreds of years and is passed on through generations. They can also be known as traditional stories or fairy stories. Over time, stories and characters may change, but the themes will remain; good versus evil, kindness and generosity.

More recently, it has become popular to write more modern versions of traditional tales where the character and setting has been given a more up-to-date twist. These versions are fun to read but still contain the same themes as the originals.

Further examples of traditional tales have been told by a different character from the tale so that an alternative viewpoint can be expressed. This might be the Wolf from The Three Little Pigs who had a cold and couldn't stop sneezing or the pea who wasn't really happy about being squashed by so many mattresses and a Princess.

Examples of alternative traditional tales

Here are some examples of some modern versions of classic traditional tales:



Challenge 1

What is a traditional tale?

Name 3 different traditional tales.

What makes a tale traditional?

What can you learn from traditional tales?

What is an alternative traditional tale? Why have authors written alternative versions?

Challenge 2

Choose your favourite traditional tale and character. Write your own alternative tale from the viewpoint of that character. Think about changing aspects of the tale to make it more modern – setting, character names, jobs etc. Have fun with it.