

TINY TARADIDDLES

One session consists of telling one “long” story or two “short” stories (as a double bill). Story sessions last approx. 40 mins. Our day rates for these is £300 and this would be for 2 long stories – or the equivalent in short stories.

We can adapt the “menu” for big or small schools but the ideal audience size per session would be no bigger than two classes (max 60 children). For Schools with a limited budget and/or allotted time we can do a half day for £150 but only if local (roughly 10 miles radius from Potton). These stories are quick to set up and are “unplugged” therefore can be performed outdoors.

PLEASE CONTACT US FIRST TO DISCUSS YOUR NEEDS

SHORT STORY DOUBLE BILLS



“WIZZING AND WISHING”

The Hare + The Hedgehog (Brothers Grimm): In the game of Top Trumps, the Hare would always beat the Hedgehog in Speed, Agility and Length of leg, but in Cunning, the cute little Hedgehog will always win! See how Mr Hedgehog (with the help from Mrs Hedgehog) outwits the stuck up Haversham Hare who believes himself to be the Lord of the Manor.

The 2nd story is The Three Wishes: If you met a magical leprechaun who offered you 3 wishes, what would you wish for? Good health? The end of poverty? World Peace? Or maybe sausages? This is a rumbunctious and slightly anarchic re-telling of the famous French tale by Perrault.

“PETTY GOATS TALES”

Old Nanny Nibblebeard (based on an African Folktale) Lions are tough and scary! Jackals are cunning and hungry! But Old Nanny Nibblebeard manages to outwit both of them by pretending to be Nanooshka The Queen of All Goats. A Queen with an endless appetite.

The 2nd story is The 7 Little Kids (Brothers Grimm): Being a single mum goat with 7 home educated and boisterous children must be hard work, and definitely merits the occasional day off. But when a big bad wolf – a master of disguise – roams the landscape there is bound to be trouble!



“PIRATES, ROBBERS AND ROCK N’ ROLL



The Many Legged Musicians of Bremen (Brothers Grimm): Have you ever wanted to be in a band? Looking cool with a guitar slung over your shoulder? Twiddling drumsticks high in the air? Well, this was the dream of four friends: Rodney the Donkey, Rufus the Dog, Mimi the Cat and Spockerel the Cockerel. But to fulfil their destiny they must brave the woods where only bandits dwell.

The 2nd story is How the Pirate got it's name: This is a very short moment of silliness, for anyone with an interest in pirates, and why they are so called. Be prepared to “ooh!” and “aargh!” and unleash your fearsome self!

LONG STORIES

The Princess & The Pea (Hans Christian Anderson):

Is she or isn't she a real princess....?mmm! I wonder.

“Pile up the mattresses, nice and high, Tell her it's for comfort if she asks why.

If she says it's bumpy, a Princess she must be. For only a Princess would notice a pea! But if she sleeps as snug as a bug in a rug, she cannot be a Princess, she can only be a THUG!”

A romantic tale of Princesses, Princes and Mushy Peas



Granny Dumpling (Based on a Japanese Folk Tale): Granny Dumpling makes the best dumplings in Japan. She is also fearless. When a fresh batch of dumplings rolls away from her house she must follow - even if this means following a hairy little goblin (an Oni) into his underground lair.

And finally... what is a taradiddle? Why, it's a preposterous fiction or tiny lie!

