

Year 4 Home learning English

We have been learning all about fables. Fables are short stories which typically include animal characters with human characteristics. Fables include a moral.

Character	Character Trait
Wind	Competitive
Tortoise	determined
Peacock	showing
Tree	Proud
Fox	Smart
Dog	Greedy

Character	Character Trait	Actions that show this	Dialogue that shows this	Fable
Tortoise	Persistent	Does not give up	Let's make a race	The Hare and the Tortoise
Fox	Wise	Does not go by the dog's name as he is proud	I can see your name is not coming out	The Fox and the Lion
Lion	Lazy	Eats everything from sleeping	Come and visit me in dining!	The Fox and the Lion
Hare	Boastful	sneers at other animals	You'll never win with me on the race!	The Hare and the Tortoise
Ant	Persistent	Keep working on it	Works all day on the hill	The Ant and the Grasshopper
Grasshopper	Lazy	Never works in the winter	Who cares about winter?	The Ant and the Grasshopper

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Hare	Boastful	Stands with his nose in the air and sneers at the other animals.	"You slow coaches will never outrun me," declared Hare.	The Hare and the Tortoise
Fox	Hungry	sits with his nose in the air and licks his wet lips	"what a beautiful creature she is," snarled the fox	The Fox and the crow
Tortoise	sneaky	he sneaks past the hare with beady eyes	"it doesn't matter how slow you go so long as you do not stop" proudly said the tortoise	The Hare and the Tortoise
Crow	quiet	sits quietly on branch	"I want to be the queen" crow thought	the fox and the crow
Ant	organised	gets food for winter	" I'm going to be all ready for winter "	the ant and the grasshopper
grasshopper	relaxed	doesn't worry about winter	" oh no I haven't got any food I should have listened to ant"	the ant and the grasshopper

We have read a range of fables over the last couple of weeks. We have considered the moral of each story as well as the traits of the characters.

We will be writing our own fables for the whole school writing competition!



Wednesday 10th June 2020
L.1. To read a fable and answer questions.

1. The mice met in Country Mouse's house but they were already cousins.
2. The word nibble is used here because mice only eat tiny bits of things. Also, Town Mouse would be keen on it so he only nibbled.
3. The woods and fields were dull and boring. There wasn't much nice food.
4. Because it is much better to use different words. Otherwise, it is just really repetitive.
5. Skittering, darting, bounding. It makes the fable more fun!
6. Yes, probably, because all Town mouse talked about was her home so she wasn't interested in Country Mouse's home.
7. I think it means zig-zagging at the same time as running really fast.
8. Country Mouse dreamed of the town and she thought it was going to be lovely but then they met the cat... and the dog... Now, Country Mouse doesn't like the town!

Well would you look at that you are very slow
Tortoise said the rabbit

"Actually, I'm not that slow and quite fast I bet
I could beat you in a race," boasted the Tortoise.

Rabbit teased, "I'm going to win I'm going to win!"

Tortoise replied, "Don't be so sure!"

Maybe next time I should listen to you.

The Frog and The Ox - Pride can be costly.
The Stag and the Pool - Sometimes we do not see our own strengths.
The Monkey and The Dolphin - Liar may give themselves away.
The Fox and The Old Lion - Don't just follow the crowd.
The Cockerel and the Jewel - Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
The Lion and The Mouse - Small friends can be powerful allies.
The Ant and the Grasshopper - Make hay while the sun shines.
The Wind and the Sun - Persuasion is better than force.

The Heron - Have what you given.
The Frog and the Mouse - There will always be a consequence for being naughty.
Bear and the Bees - DON'T STEAL

