

Year 8 **Autumn Term**

Fables

Homework

Objectives:

- To be able to identify features of a fable
- To be able to identify animal characteristics in given fables

Fables are simple, traditional tales. They were told thousands of years ago in countries such as Greece and Persia. The best known writer of fables is Aesop, a Greek slave who lived in the 600 BC. Today, fables are just as relevant as they were in 600 BC.

Fables may be read for their advice or just for entertainment.

Fables are told from mouth to mouth, written down in books, read from audio files or even used to make films e.g. ‘**The Hen With the Golden Eggs**’, ‘**Lion King**’

Characteristics of Fables

- A story with a moral at the end i.e. (they teach a lesson)
- There were usually animals which act like humans (Anthropomorphic).
- Sometimes people and even natural forces, such as the wind and the sun, were also characters.
- The animals were given special characteristics, e.g. the lion was said to be proud and brave, the fox was cunning etc.

Task:

Complete the table below with the names of at least six fables from books, films, stories etc.

Extension :

Write down any similarities/ differences you notice in any two of your chosen fables..

Who is the intended audience?

Using the conventions for writing a fable try writing your own fable for small children.

Features of a Fable

Name of Fable	Lesson / morals to be learnt	Characteristics of animals

