



# Greedy Fox

## About the story

There are many stories from around the world which feature sacks and bags. Sometimes if you put in one item, you get out two. In others the owner can say the name of something and instantly it is captured in the bag. Characters often escape from bags by putting stones into them to fool a giant or some other evil miscreant.

## Getting to know the story well

Watch, read aloud or tell the story to the children.

### Discuss

- Unpick the plot with the children. Ask: *Why did the fox put things into the bag? Why did everyone look inside the bag? Why are we intrigued by things we're told not to do?*
- Why did the dogs all chase the fox at the end? (The dogs' nature as much as our nature to be curious?)

### Writing in role

- Write a newspaper article about what happened.

### Art

- Organise the children to paint images showing the different scenes and put these on to the wall to show the story as a 'wall story'. Under the images put captions. Create a large wall map showing the journey that the fox takes.

## Retelling the story aloud

- When the children have listened to and joined in with the story several times, ask them to tell the story with a partner.
- Prepare the children for telling by drawing a story map on the board, so that they can see visually what happened.
- The flowchart shows the key elements of the story.

## From telling to writing

- This is a good story to innovate because the children can make simple changes to the tale. They could change what goes in the bag (for example, a bee which is eaten by a cockerel, which is chased by a pig which is chased off by a boy). You can change where he goes and whom he meets.



### Watch it

Watch this story being told by Pie Corbett on the CD-Rom.

Mr Fox sets out and puts a frog into his bag.

He leaves the bag with a candlestick maker.

The candlestick maker lets the frog out and it is eaten by a rat.

The fox takes the rat, leaves it with a baker and gains a puppy.

He leaves the puppy with a butcher and gains some meat.

He is chased out of town by a pack of hounds.