

# Teacher Resource Pack

This pack has been compiled to provide information and stimulus around Pantomime.

It can be utilised with or without a trip to the theatre (but obviously we would love you to join us this Christmas!) –

**Oh yes we would!**



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# Snow White & THE SEVEN DWARFS

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# The story of Snow White & THE SEVEN DWARFS

## Q. Did you know?

The original story of **Snow White** is taken from a 19th-century German fairy tale or folk tale, written by the **Brothers Grimm**. The German brothers known for their various folk tales and stories, published 'Grimm's Fairy Tales' in 1812, which features the tale of Snow White as story number 53.

Other stories by Brothers Grimm include **Cinderella**, **Rumpelstiltskin** and **Sleeping Beauty**.

## Q. What is Snow White based on?

There has also been the suggestion that the story of Snow White originated from the real-life story of a countess and her alleged lover, Philip II of Spain.

The countess, named Margarete von Waldeck (1553 – 1554) was supposedly poisoned at a young age, as politics were more important than real love at the time. Another coincidence – Margarete had a terrible relationship with her stepmother.

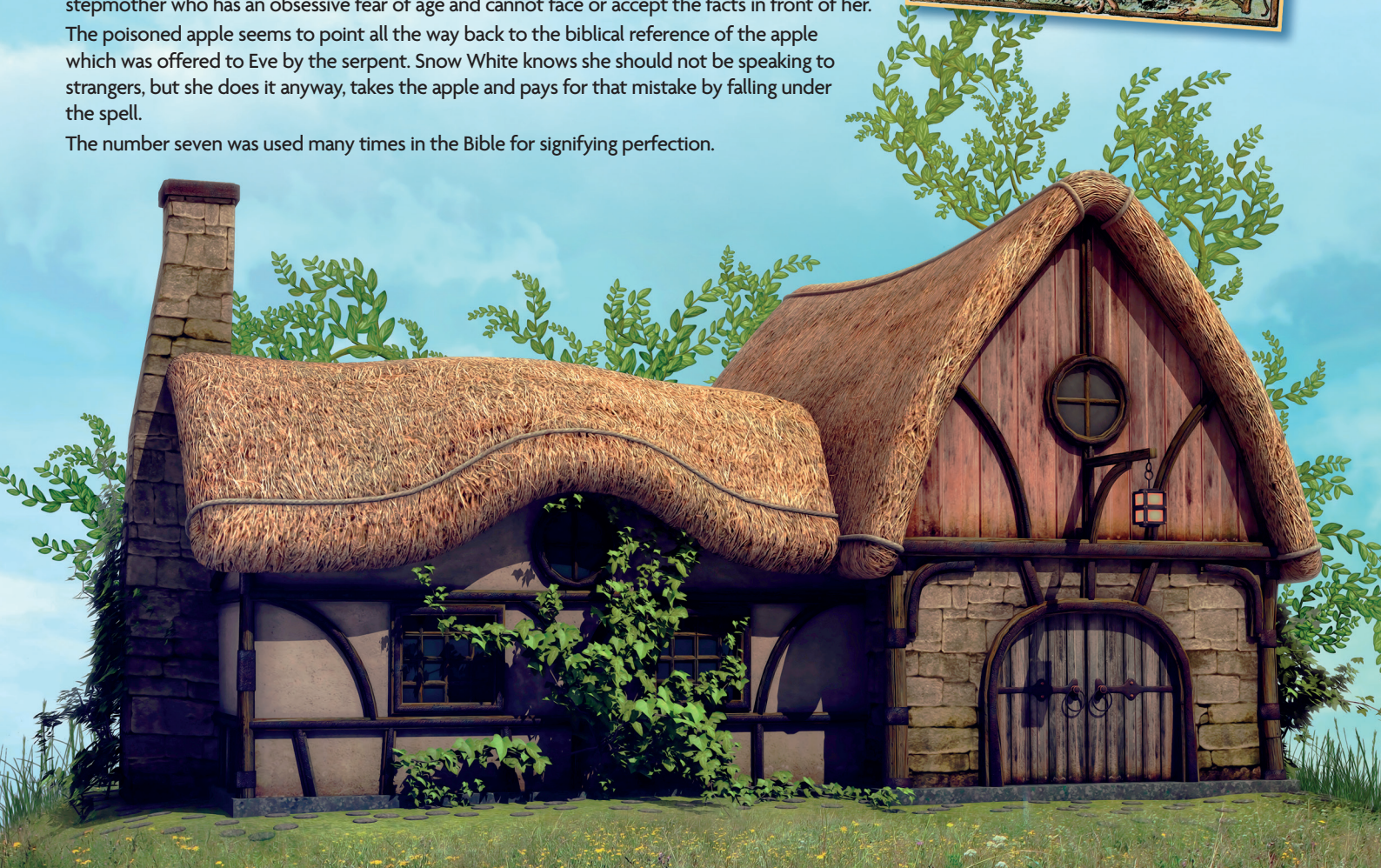
Meanwhile, the town the countess grew up in, Wildungen, was also home to several copper mines. The workers of whom were young children, who suffered stunted growth due to malnutrition and poor working conditions. Allegedly, they were referred to as 'poor dwarfs'.

## Q. What symbolism appears in the story?

The magic mirror symbolises the process of aging and vanity of the Evil Queen, Snow White's evil stepmother who has an obsessive fear of age and cannot face or accept the facts in front of her.

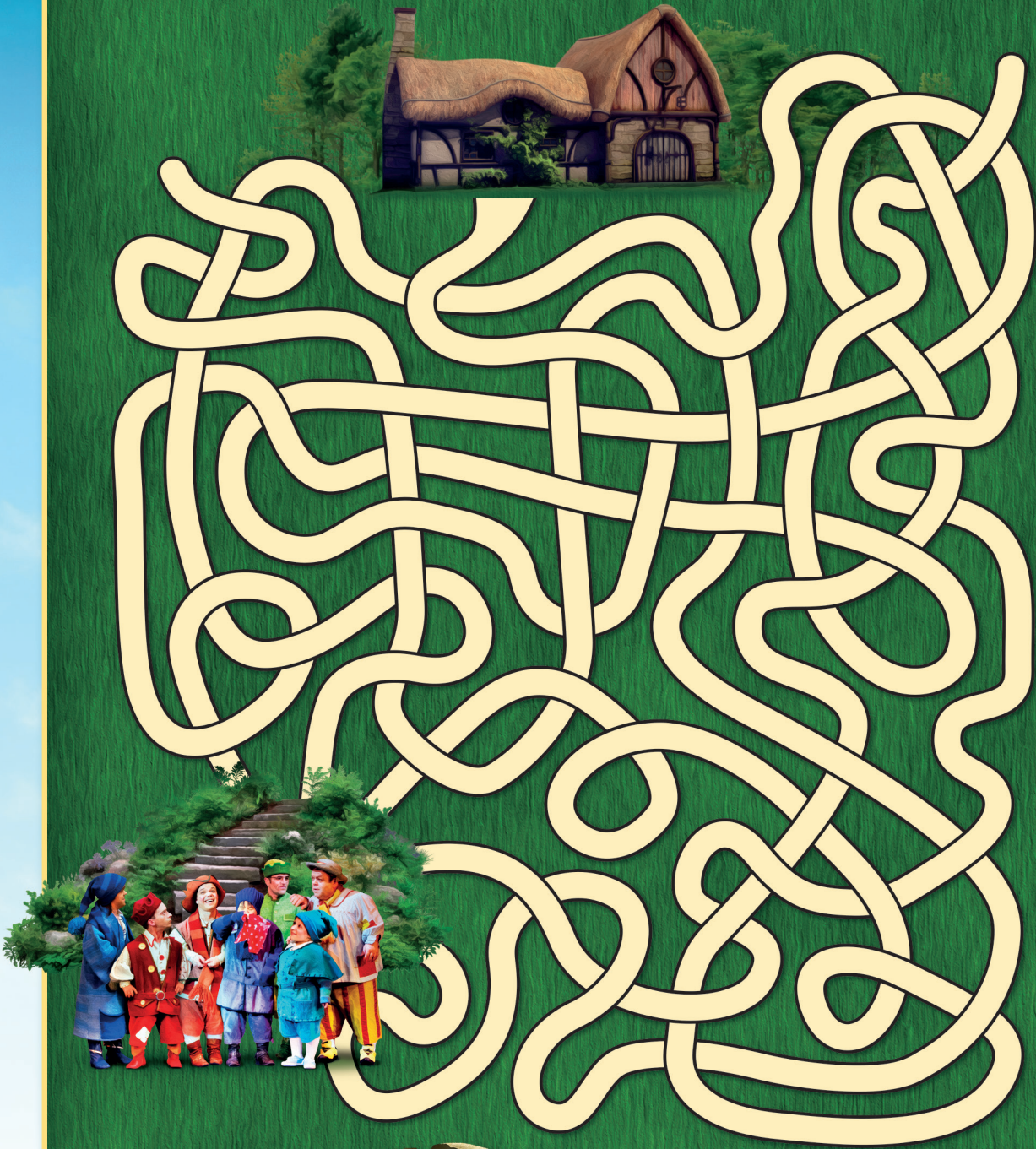
The poisoned apple seems to point all the way back to the biblical reference of the apple which was offered to Eve by the serpent. Snow White knows she should not be speaking to strangers, but she does it anyway, takes the apple and pays for that mistake by falling under the spell.

The number seven was used many times in the Bible for signifying perfection.





**Q. Can you help the Dwarfs find their way home?**



**Q. What lessons are taught in Snow White?**

- It's wonderful to have friends.
- You can appeal to the goodness in everyone.
- Insecurities don't justify a mean attitude.
- Don't talk to strangers (and don't let them in your house!).
- Real beauty comes from within.

The Seven Dwarfs names in some versions of the story, reflect our emotions. Have a think about how you would feel in different circumstances.

**How you would feel if:**

- You tasted a rotten apple
- You cleaned your house
- You fell in love
- You got lost in the woods
- You were helped by others





# Mirror, mirror on the wall...

Imagine if your bedroom mirror was magic – what would you ask or say to it?

**Q.** Can you write a job advertisement for a housekeeper for the Seven Dwarfs?

Complete the poster below by filling in all the information required.



## Situation Vacant

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must be able to... \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Desirable Skills \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Hours per day \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Work \_\_\_\_\_

## Lets Make Snow White Paint!

Materials:

- School glue
- Shaving cream
- Container for mixing
- Paintbrush
- Dark paper

Directions:

1. Measure out 1 part school glue with 2 parts shaving cream in the mixing container.
2. Once the Snow White paint is mixed, spoon into a bowl.
3. Get painting!

