

Resource 3

Teacher in role - script

The teacher in role provides an opportunity for the children to speak as the servants who were present at the time the miller told his lie and report to someone who wasn't present, describing what happened and how people present at the time responded. They can speculate on why the miller said what he did and what they think might happen in the future. Children can also imagine and invent other details about life in the palace. The following script is provided as a guide to possible things a teacher could say in this improvisation; but following and expanding on what the children offer is the aim.

I hear you were present in the King's state rooms today when he met the miller - is that right?
Can you tell me what happened?

What did the miller say to the King?

Why do you think he said what he did? What did he look like at the time? Was he confident or nervous? I know people want to look good in front of the King but surely he just blurted it out to impress the King?

What did the miller look like? How was he dressed? Is he a wealthy man?

Do you think what he said can be true?

I was down in the kitchens as usual doing the washing up. What were you doing up in the state rooms? Were you taking the guests' coats, serving drinks and snacks to the visitors? Were you supposed to be there or did you just pass through the state rooms at that moment?

I heard the King was going to call for the miller's daughter to come to the palace tomorrow. What do you think will happen?

He can't seriously think she can spin straw into gold can he?

Do you think the miller loves his daughter? Why would he put her in this position?

Well we know what the King can be like don't we? He does love his gold and riches. The palace is full of beautiful expensive things.

Have you ever spoken to the King or has he spoken to you? I've only ever seen him from a distance. He wouldn't want the likes of me getting close!

I'm sure he is a good King - many people have good things to say about him. He cares about his people; but of course he is a King and has this great palace to maintain.