

Thursday 21st January 2021 - Spicy
LO: To explore themes within a text.

Each story we read has underlying themes, key ideas or messages, that run throughout it. Themes can be on many different topics, some examples include love, family or friendship.

Read the two short stories below and choose one of the themes from the list that you think is shown in each story.

For each story write the sentence:

The theme shown in this story is because

You need to say why you think that theme is being shown.

Theme list:

- The power of love
- Growing up
- Learning who to trust
- Mis-using a great power or gift
- Standing up for what is right

Story 1

There was a gingerbread man who escaped from the baker who was going to eat him.

He came across a river. There was a little sheep smiling sweetly who had a paddle boat that said, if he helped paddle, they could both cross the river together. Or there was a sleek fox licking his lips that had a speed boat who said the gingerbread man could jump on his boat and didn't have to do anything, just travel in style.

The gingerbread man jumped onto the fox's boat and they set off. Half way across the river the fox stopped the boat and chomped the gingerbread man down in one bite.



Story 2

A princess fell in love with a working boy from the stables. The king refused to let the princess marry such a poor, unroyal person. The stable boy left the kingdom, promising to return one day for his princess.

Three years later, the princess had refused to marry five different rich and powerful princes. The king was furious.

Then in the middle of the night, the stable boy appeared at the princess's window. He told her that he had settled in another kingdom, living in a small house by a wood and working for a kind farmer. He wasn't rich but he wanted to marry her. The princess jumped out the window, onto the boy's horse and they rode away to live happily ever after.



Based on what we have read of 'The Jamie Drake Equation' so far, can you predict what some of the themes will be and why?
