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History of Fairies

Fairies in our world

The word fairy originally comes from the Latin word "Fata" meaning fate. Fairies were believed to be associated with supernatural beings who could influence or even control people's fate. They were often messengers between the gods and humans and could bring gifts or tricks depending on how the humans behaved.



Fairies

Throughout history and cultures, there have been many different variations of fairies. Often viewed as little people, fairies could have magical powers or the unique ability to remain unseen. Other fairies were elemental spirits connected to the earth, wind, water, or fire.



Mythical creatures

These elemental spirits also had the ability to shape shift into different creatures. Many fairies, like Vile and Dryads, were known for the different forms that they could take. Some fairies, like Selkies, turn into a specific creature like seals. Others can turn into many different creatures: from birds, to wolves, to horses.



Popular fantasy

Long ago, fairies were an every-day part of life. Their presence was used to explain the unexplainable, like missing items or bad/good luck. Nowadays, fairies have become main characters in many popular stories including the Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, and Disney movies.



Fairies and culture

Fairies still play an important part of many different cultures. They give guidance, provide protection, and are a link to ancestors. They also help shape culture through the use of storytelling. Ancient Greece and Iran are credited with the origin of fairy tales. These tales were passed down from mouth to mouth until the creation of the printing press allowed the stories to be shared around the world.

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Take a look below for a fun fairy-themed treat!



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Come up here, O dusty feet!

Here is fairy bread to eat.

Here in my retiring room,

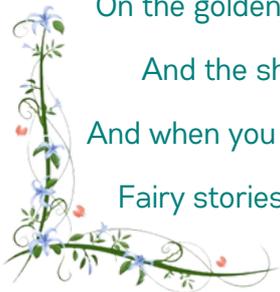
Children, you may dine

On the golden smell of broom

And the shade of pine;

And when you have eaten well,

Fairy stories hear and tell.



Fairy Bread

Fairy bread is a fun treat often found at birthday parties in Australia and New Zealand. While Fairy bread first became popular in the 1920's, some say that its origin dates back to 1855 when it was mentioned in the poem on the right titled "Fairy Bread" by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Materials Needed:

- White bread
- Butter
- Multicolored sprinkles

Instructions:

- Lightly spread butter on one side of each slice of bread
- Coat the entire buttered-side with sprinkles
- Cut bread into triangles and enjoy!

