

# Star & Luna's Magical Adventure

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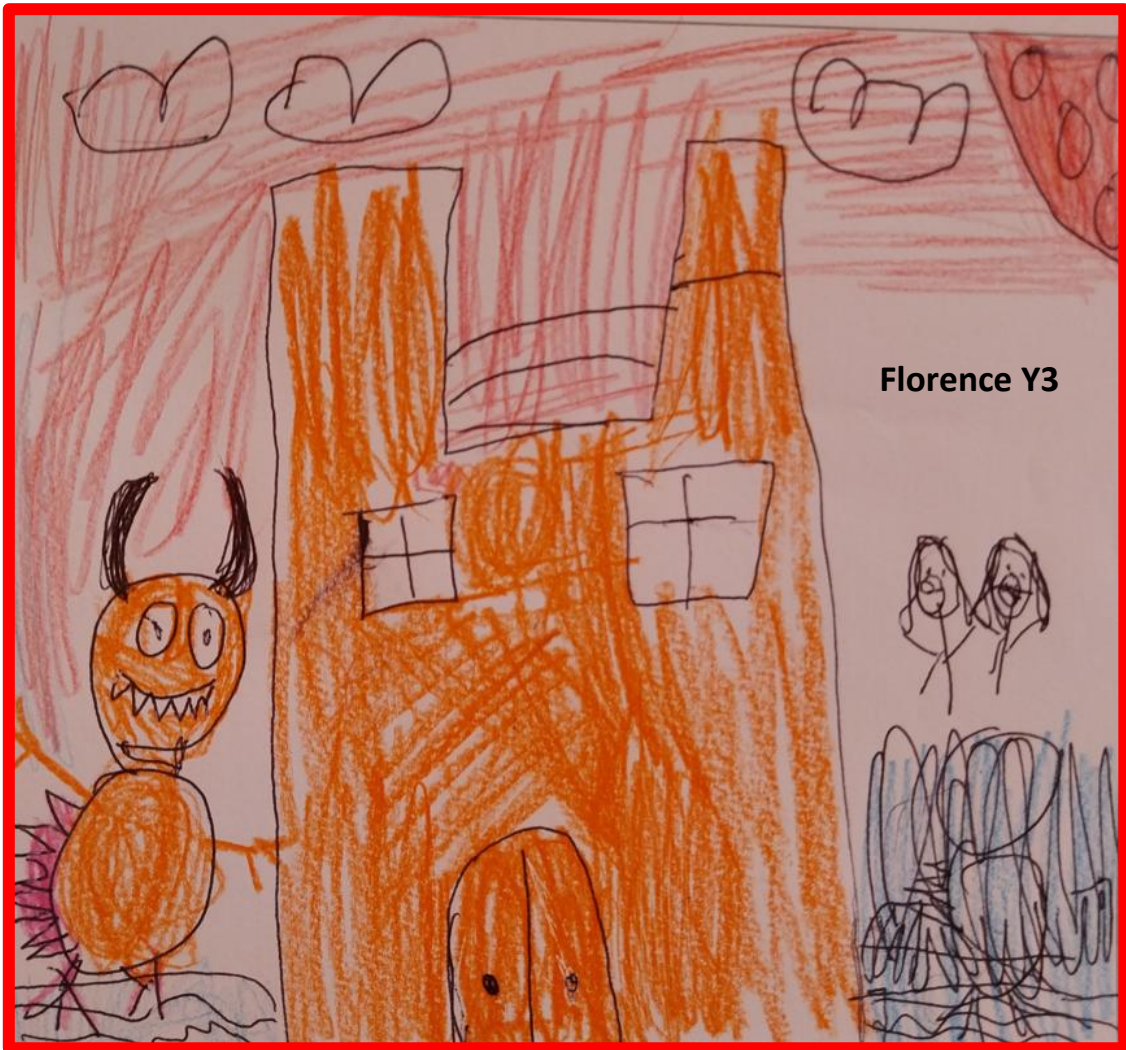
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**Leopards**

One cold, misty night, as the clock struck midnight, Star and Luna crept out of bed. Like ninjas, they tiptoed across the landing, being careful to avoid the creaky floorboards, and then the ominous sounding stairs as they headed for the door. After closing the back door silently behind them, they mounted their horses and raced off together through the woods behind their house. The trees whispered as the wind brushed past their bare branches. The leaves crackled, crunched and crumbled as the horses' hooves dashed over them. They had ridden this path a hundred times before, but tonight something felt different. The air was thick with a shimmering, purple fog. Through it they just about made out a shadowy shape of someone or something appearing in the distance. Silence. Broken only by the echo of two pounding heartbeats filling the air.

The atmosphere felt tense as Star and Luna anxiously dismounted their horses. At that moment the purple fog began to thin. The children looked up and gasped...



### **Tigers**

Star and Luna could not believe what they were seeing. They were filled with nervous excitement at what they saw before them. The shadow they had seen in the woods was now taking shape. It was fearsome, terrifying and ... scaly? Right in front of their eyes was a enormous dragon! Thick, purple smoke billowed from its nostrils. Star and Luna's horses galloped away as fast as their hooves could carry them, leaving the children stranded and alone. Alone with what they thought was a monster!

Star and Luna felt scared to the point of death. They froze, exposed like the bare branches of the petrified trees. Star remembered being told at school what to do if faced with a bear in these woods, play dead and stay calm. But she had not been told what to do with a dragon! "Luna," Star whispered almost silently, not waiting for a response. "Let's play dead."

Without hesitation, Luna dropped to the floor. Star followed suit...



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### **Panthers**

Suspicious, the fearsome dragon lumbered over to where they lay silently on the mossy ground. It sniffed them curiously before letting out a tiny growl. Suddenly, the terrified children found themselves lifting into the air! The dragon had picked them up and they were hanging upside down from its giant jaws.

Before they had time to think of a way to escape, the dragon began carrying them through the woods. Hearts in their mouths, Star and Luna watched the thick canopy of leaves above their heads pass by, and heard indignant cawing from disturbed birds, startled into flight by the approaching dragon.

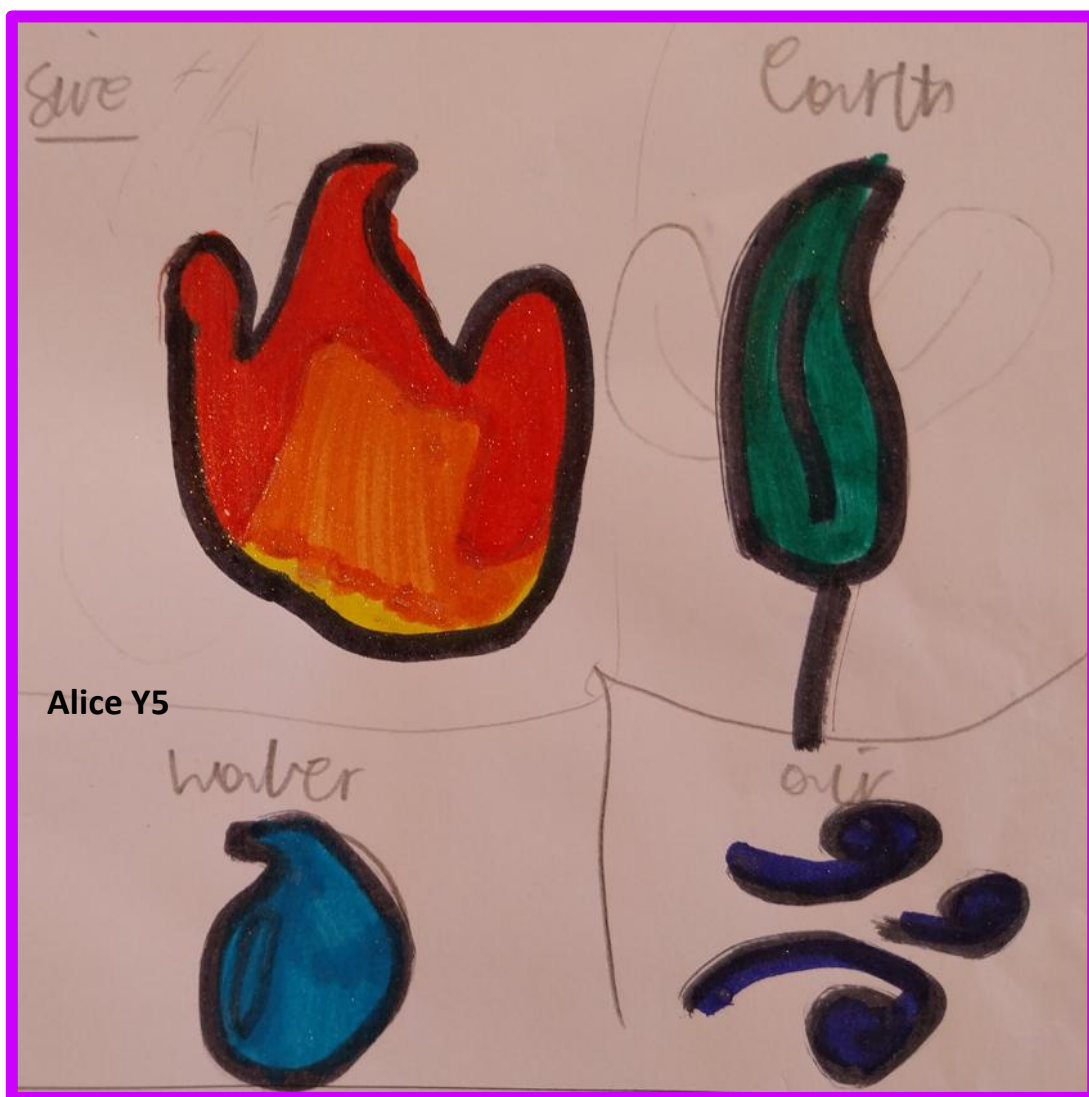
After what felt like days, from their precarious position, the children saw an elegant castle appear before them. Without warning, the dragon spread its wings and...

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### Lions

...sped closer and closer to it. Before Luna and Star could take another breath the dragon swooped down and landed with a thunderous crash in front of the unusual yet beautiful castle. Star and Luna blinked in amazement. This was no ordinary castle. It looked like it had been washed up from the ocean and somehow landed in the middle of the forest. Elegant tall turrets, shaped like giant seashells, towered towards the sky, shimmering silver, emerald and sapphire in the moonlight. Walls made of coral were adorned with smooth, silky seaweed which clung to it like vines. A driftwood drawbridge decorated with pearls and clam shells protected the castle from its enemies. A dramatic moat with schools of colourful fish, playful dolphins and thousands of tiny turtles wrapped around the castle like an aqua ribbon, protecting it further. Star's mouth fell open. "It's like nothing I've ever seen before - it's an underwater palace... but on land!" she gasped. Luna nodded, her eyes wide. "Err, Star... Is it my imagination or is the moat beginning to bubble?"



### Sharks

From the watery depths rose four monstrous heads covered in seaweed and kelp. Each head was marked with an elemental symbol, Fire, Earth, Water and Air. From their mouths erupted a blaze of fire, a wave of water, chunks of earth and a torrent of air. "Star, I think we need to defeat it."

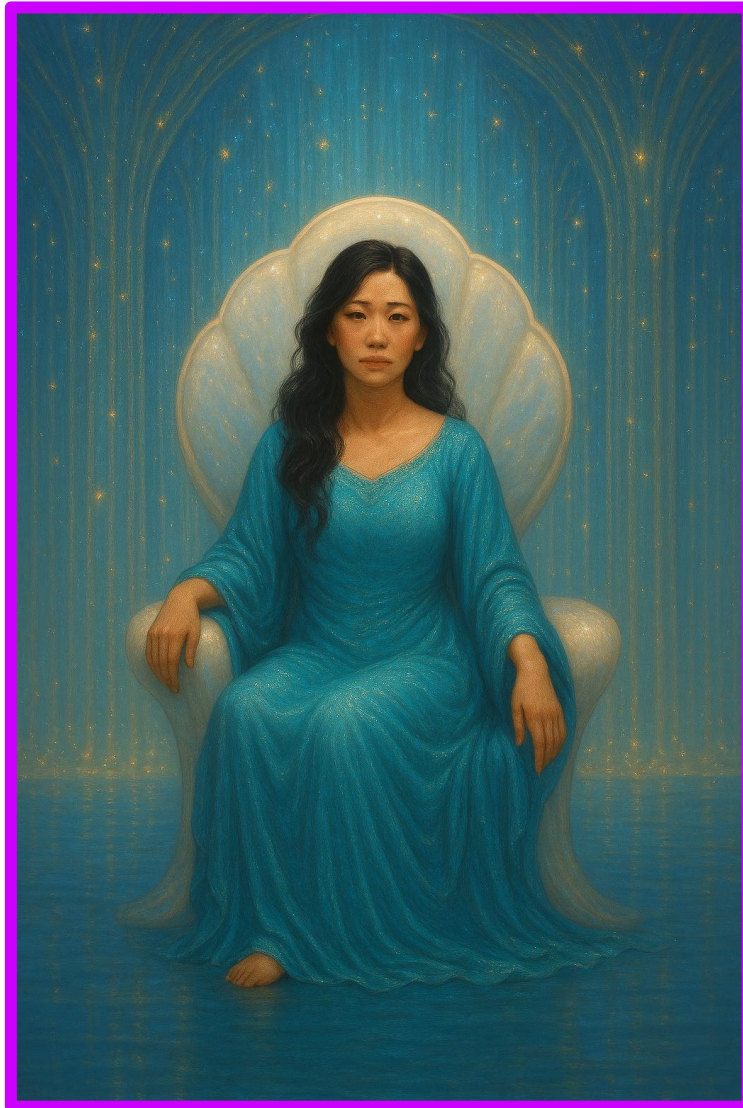
"I think you're right," Luna groaned.

The sea monster reared up its heads and shot both of them with elemental blasts. The force launched them out of the dragon's mouth and sent them flying onto the wet mud which splattered their pyjamas. They sat there for a moment, before realising that they were glowing with swirling red, pearlescent white, royal blue and deep green colours. They held out their hands and from Star's a plume of fire shot out, while from the other, a chunk of earth exploded out. Out of Luna's hands came a whirlwind of air and a whirlpool of water...



**Rainbow**

They realised that they now possessed magical powers. Star created a fire ball and shot this in the direction of the sea monster. The sea monster ducked at the first attempt, but got hit and let out a cry. The force of Luna's air pushed the monster back underwater, and both children trip-trapped over the driftwood drawbridge to get away. They opened up the big door that was covered in barnacles. As they peered through they saw...



### Garden

a grand, glittering hall filled with twinkling lights that floated like tiny stars. The walls shimmered as if made of liquid glass, and at the far end stood a giant throne carved from a single pearl. Sitting upon it was not a fearsome sea creature, but a kind-looking woman with flowing hair that glistened like the ocean at sunrise. Her eyes sparkled with warmth, though there was a hint of sadness in them.

“Welcome, Star and Luna,” she said softly, her voice echoing like gentle waves. “I am Queen Sophia, Guardian of the Ocean Realms. The dragon you met is my protector, and the sea serpent outside - my old friend - has been bewitched. It wasn’t trying to harm you. It’s under a terrible spell!”

Star and Luna glanced at each other in amazement.

Queen Sophia continued, “Only those pure of heart and brave of spirit can break the curse. Your new powers were given for this reason. But beware - the spell was cast by the Shadow Sorcerer, who lives in the Caves of Echoing Tides. You must travel there before the next moonrise, or the magic of the ocean will fade forever.”



**Falcons/  
Eagles**

Star and Luna were shocked to hear this. They were wondering how they would ever be able to travel before sunrise. Nervously and with a great deal of excitement, Star and Luna set off on their quest to the Caves of Echoing Tides. How were they going to find a ship fast enough to get there in time? Suddenly Star had a thought. "We could use our powers to make a ship fly!" As fast as a flash, a magic ship appeared. The ship was as big as a house and glimmered with ghostly green sparkles. With trepidation, but bravery in their hearts, Star and Luna boarded the ship to start their quest to break the spell from the evil Shadow Sorcerer.

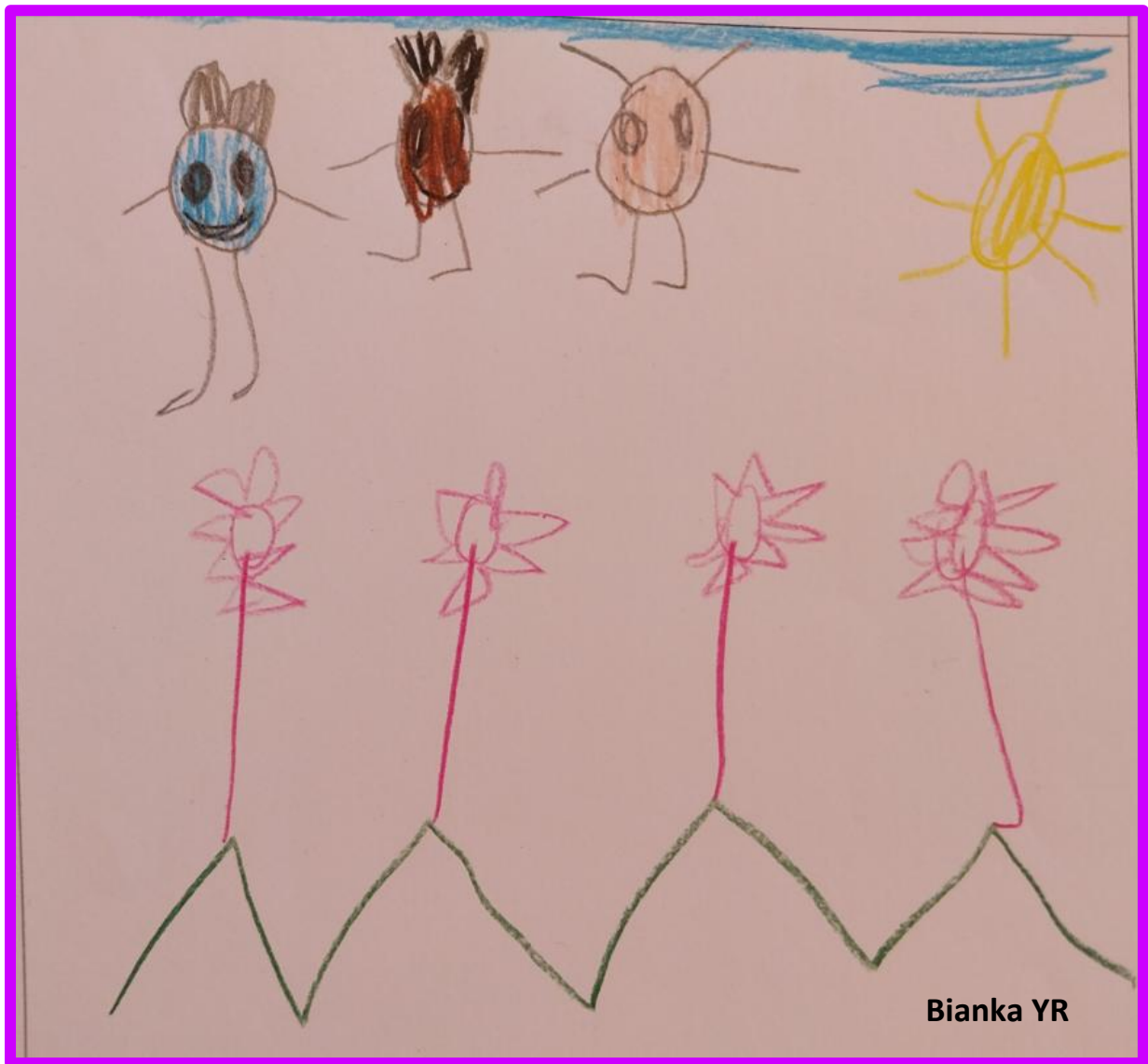
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### Kites

Having never flown on a ship before, they had no idea how to make it fly until Luna came up with a great idea. "Let's use my wind powers to make wings to push us forward!" Star agreed and there were mighty wings like a Red Kite propelling them onwards. At midday, the sky darkened and a terrible storm started. It clipped the ship's wings and they were hurtling towards the fallen trees.

"Quick, use our wind and fire powers to push us away from here!" screamed Star. They used all their strength to get away from the storm but when they arrived at the Cave of Echoing Tides, they found their powers no longer worked.



**Sunshine**

Star and Luna began to walk into the deep dark cave. They walked and walked and walked. Suddenly they looked up and realized that they were lost. "I think there's a bear coming," whispered Star to Luna. "I'm scared. I think we should go home." But Star and Luna couldn't go home, because they were lost in the deep dark cave....



**Starlight**

Star and Luna were really scared. They didn't know what to do. They spotted something glowing in a corner. Cautiously, they walked over to the glow. It was a group of friendly glow worms. "We will help you!" the glow worms said. The glow worms led Star and Luna through the cave until they came to a magical fairy castle!



### Hawks

The magical fairy castle was as enormous as a ship. It was the colour of a rainbow, and it sparkled in the light. The glow worms quickly led Star and Luna up a winding staircase to the front of the impressive castle. But why had they been led here? “Do you know where the Shadow Sorcerer is?” asked Luna hopefully. The glow worms fell silent and then they disappeared in a flash. Star and Luna stood there alone, contemplating their next move. How were they going to find the Shadow Sorcerer now? They were lost, alone, and hopeless.



## Dolphins

Just as Star and Luna began to despair, the castle doors creaked open with a soft hum. A gentle breeze swirled around them, carrying the scent of salt and lavender. A figure emerged from the shimmering doorway - a tall, graceful fairy with wings like stained glass and a crown woven from moonlight and mist.

"I am Elowen," she said, her voice like wind chimes in the breeze. "The glow worms brought you here because the Shadow Sorcerer's magic cannot penetrate this castle. You are safe - for now."

Star stepped forward, her voice trembling. "We need to find him. Queen Sophia said we must break the curse before moonrise."

Elowen nodded solemnly. "The Shadow Sorcerer hides in the deepest chamber of the cave, protected by illusions and fear. But there is a way. You must each face a trial - one of courage, one of wisdom. Only then will your powers return."



### **Starfish**

Star and Luna thanked Elowen for her knowledge and valiantly made their way to the depths of the cave. Out of the blue, they suddenly saw a flickering movement - something was there! Worried they'd not conquered a trial of courage or wisdom yet, before them towered the Shadow Sorcerer.

Almost as soon as it had appeared, it vanished. Poof! Gone! A flood of realisation hit them like a bullet; the Shadow Sorcerer, wasn't a person but a measly fear that had been haunting them since their horses had galloped away and they were left facing this journey alone.

They sprinted back to inform Elowen of their achievement. Their own courage and bravery had been both their demise and success. With the Shadow Sorcerer gone, Star and Luna continued onwards, with a sense of pride rushing through their bodies, to Queen Sophia hoping all was right again with her protector...

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### Stingrays

As Star and Luna clambered back through the treacherous woods, the familiar purple mist appeared. They knew they were close; the Castle of The Ocean Realm was nearby. Star and Luna prepared themselves for the petrifying Water Dragon - Queen Sophia's protector - hoping, praying that they had been successful. But had they?

The ground trembled. The clouds roared. Their fears had re-grown and they ran.



Inspired by Colin Thompson's imaginative book 'Castles', Thameside Primary children have written this whole school book during our 2025 Book Week.



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