The Sword in the Stone

• Once upon a time, there lived a King named Uther Pendragon. Legend says that Uther died without an heir which meant that England had no King and the throne was empty.
• Some time later, a huge stone appeared with a sword in it and an inscription. It stated that the person who could pull the sword from the stone should be named king. Many tried to pull out the sword but nobody could do it.
Some years passed and an orphan boy called Arthur was living with his foster family. He had to do all the cooking and cleaning. It wasn’t very fun. His foster father Sir Ector made him do lots of chores and his brother Kay was training to be a knight so he was always bossing Arthur around.
• One day,Arthur was in the forest collecting some wood for the fire. He noticed some smoke and saw a little cottage. Then he met Merlin. Merlin was an amazing wizard who began to teach Arthur how to read and write as well as magic!
One night, Sir Ector's friend Sir Pelinore came to the house. 'I have exciting news.' He said. 'There is going to be a contest in London.' Sir Ector and Kay were not as excited, as there were always contests.

'This one will be very special,' exclaimed Sir Pelimore. The winner of the contest will be crowned King!

Suddenly, everyone was very excited.
They all travelled to the contest. Kay had been made Sir Kay so he could compete and Arthur was his squire. Merlin was cross with Arthur for not wanting to stay and learn from him but Arthur tried to explain that he didn’t have a choice.

There were lots of knights at the contest but Kay was sure he could win.
Then, something terrible happened...
Arthur realised that he had left Kay’s sword at a local inn on their way to London. He frantically began to look for a sword that he could give to Kay.
Suddenly, Arthur spotted something. Sticking out of a huge stone, all by itself, was a huge, beautiful, magnificent sword.

Why would somebody leave their sword in a stone? Arthur wondered.
Feeling brave, Arthur decided to try to get the sword. It looked like it was really stuck. He carefully put his hand around it and started to pull.
A light shone upon him and slowly the sword came out. He stood amazed that he had pulled it out and saw how beautiful it was.

Then, he remembered why he was looking for a sword and hurried to find Kay who would be getting cross at having to wait.
When Arthur found Sir Ector and Kay he told them where he had got the sword from. They did not believe that he could have pulled the sword from the stone. So, they put the sword back and with a crowd of people watching they tried themselves to pull the sword out.
But they couldn’t!! They challenged Arthur to do it thinking that there was no way little Arthur could, but then, as Arthur reached for the stone, the light shone brightly again and Arthur pulled the sword out. The crowd cheered, ‘All hail King Arthur!’
Arthur was the true King of England but he was still only a boy, so Merlin came to help him rule and they created The Round Table.

The Round Table meant that other Knights could help King Arthur rule and he became a great King of England.
…..and so they all lived happily ever after.