

# Activities for Masha and the Firebird

## Stories

Baba Yaga is a famous Russian Witch.

Look out for *Vasilissa the Beautiful* and *Baba Yaga*

Look out for descriptions of her, her house and how she travels about.

The Firebird also appears in other stories.

Look out for *Prince Ivan* and *The Firebird*

The Firebird also appears in a ballet by that name. The music is by Stravinsky.

Why not listen to the music. (The Finale makes me think about the end to my story.)

## Other stories set in the forest

Hansel and Gretel

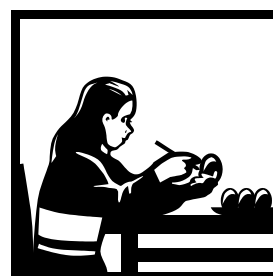
Little Red Riding Hood

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Rapunzel

Sleeping Beauty

Snow White



The Russian Royal family collected eggs that had been richly decorated by Faberge. See if you can find out about them.

The craft of decorated eggs is widely practised all over Europe- especially at Easter time. There are many different ways to decorate them. Dying, painting, carving... See if you can find out about some customs associated with eggs. Does your family have any traditions of its own?

Do you collect anything?

What? How many? Where do you keep your collection?

Do you have a favourite?

The four elements

The Firebird's eggs are named after the four elements of Earth, Water, Air and Fire. Fantastical creatures are often linked with one of the above elements e.g. Mermaid (water): dragon (fire). Find out about some more –or why not make up your own

