



## A BOOK IN A BOOK

Noel Streatfeild includes two other famous pieces of literature in Ballet Shoes: A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare and Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Both are renowned as being popular stories for children full of magic and other worlds. You can imagine how excited the sisters would be to perform in a ballet of one of their favourite books.

Both of these books have already been turned into full length ballets by the Royal Ballet but LCB includes their own version of the stories. Dancers at Madame Fidolia's Academy of Performing Arts audition and perform the parts for various characters from these two books such as the Cheshire Cat, Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee, Bottom, Titania and Puck.

### *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

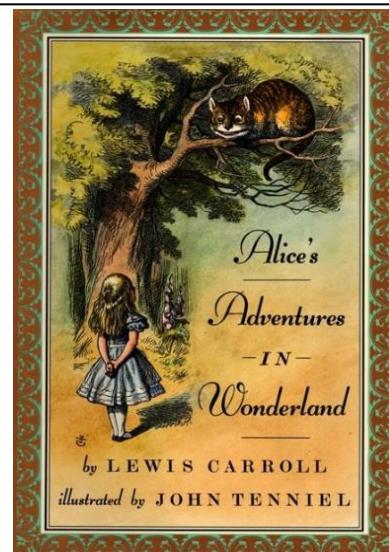
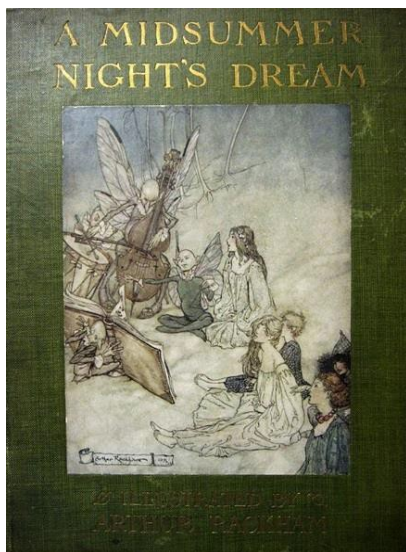
**By William Shakespeare**

The scene LCB recreates is set in the magical fairy kingdom. The fairy queen Titania is assisted by fairy attendants. Titania is tricked by the cheeky spirit Puck into falling in love with a man who has been turned into a donkey called Bottom. After she realises her mistake she dances with the Fairy King Oberon.

### *Alice's Adventures In Wonderland*

**By Lewis Carroll**

The children at Madame Fidolia's Academy of Performing Arts audition be parts in Alice in Wonderland. Alice falls down a rabbit hole and enters a strange world full of magical creatures like the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter, March Hare, Tweedle Dum and Dee. In LCB's Ballet Shoes you see the children auditioning for these characters and embodying the funny personalities to impress the audition panel.



## ACTIVITY BOX

If you were to create your own ballet based on a children's novel, play or story what would it be? How would you adapt it for the stage? Would you need to change anything? Who would be your main characters? How would you show their personalities through movement? What would your large group scenes be? (if your story does not have lots of characters maybe think about other key elements that effect your story. For example, the corps de ballet dancers can portray wind in Secret Garden or the gold thread in Rumpelstiltskin or the snow storm in Snow White).

If you have time think about the following too:

- Costumes, set design and music

**We would love to hear your ideas! Please send them to us!**