Fairy creatures

The word 'fairy' comes from Old French words *faerie* and *fee*. It can be used to describe many different kinds of fairy creature, and there are traditions about the roles each one plays.

Leprechaun

an Irish fairy cobbler, who wears red or green and spends all his time making shoes.

Pixie

a little green fairy, who wears bells on his clothes.

Elves

live in groups, usually ruled by a king or queen. Clever creatures, not easily outwitted.

Troll

a large, dim-witted and sometimes dangerous creature. Some are turned to stone by sunlight.
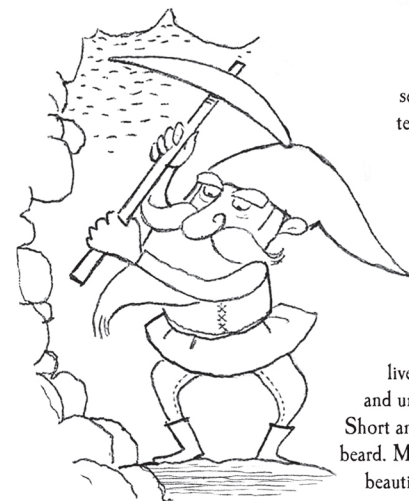
Goblin

an underground fairy, mostly seen on Hallowe'en. Known to tempt humans to eat fairy food.

Dwarf

lives in mountains and underground caves. Short and stout, with a long beard. Mines gold and makes beautiful things with it.

Sprite

a tiny, light, winged fairy, thought to be a spirit of the air.

Spriggan

an evil fairy who guards hidden treasure. Can swell in size until it is as big as a giant.