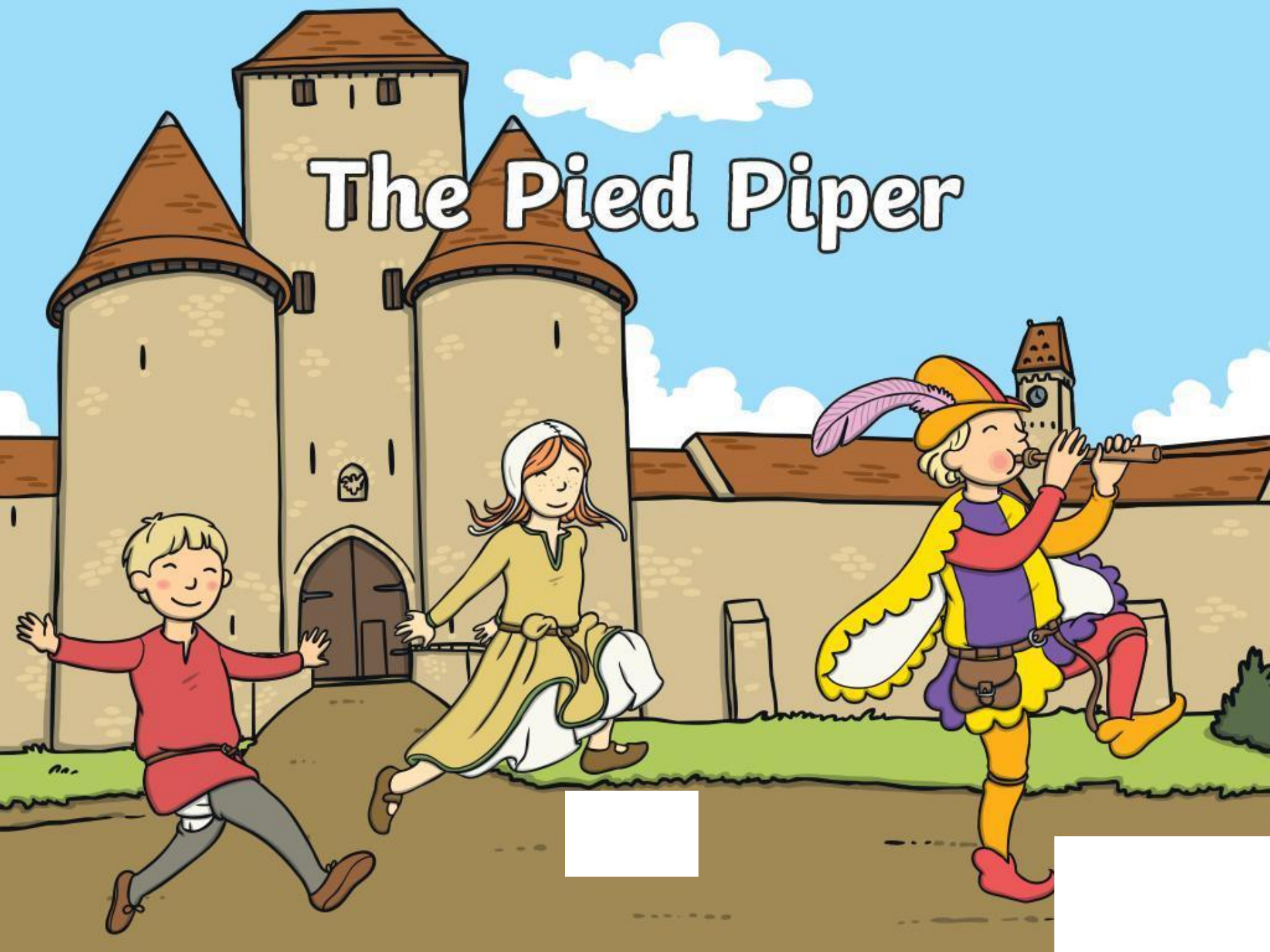
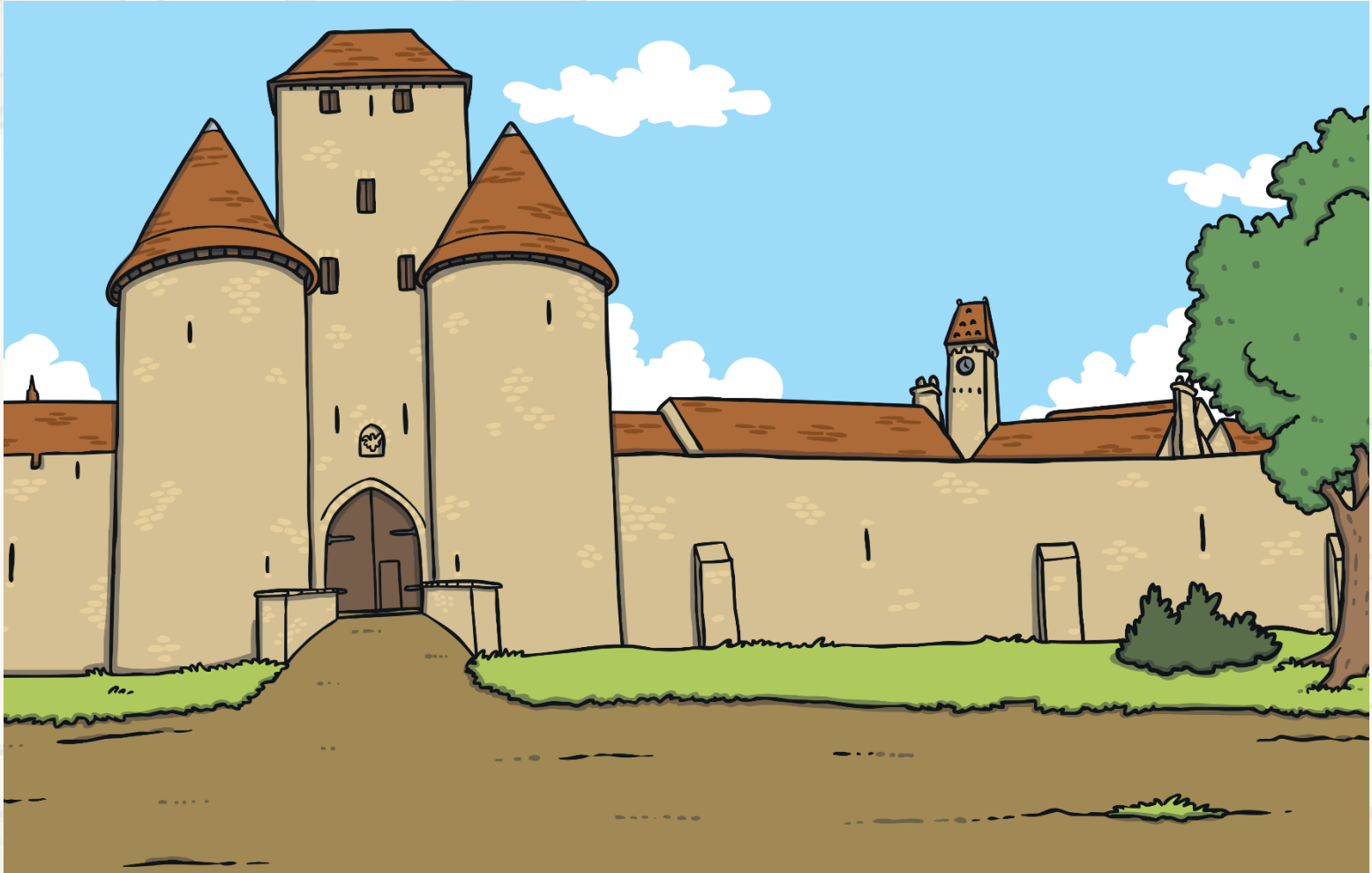


# The Pied Piper



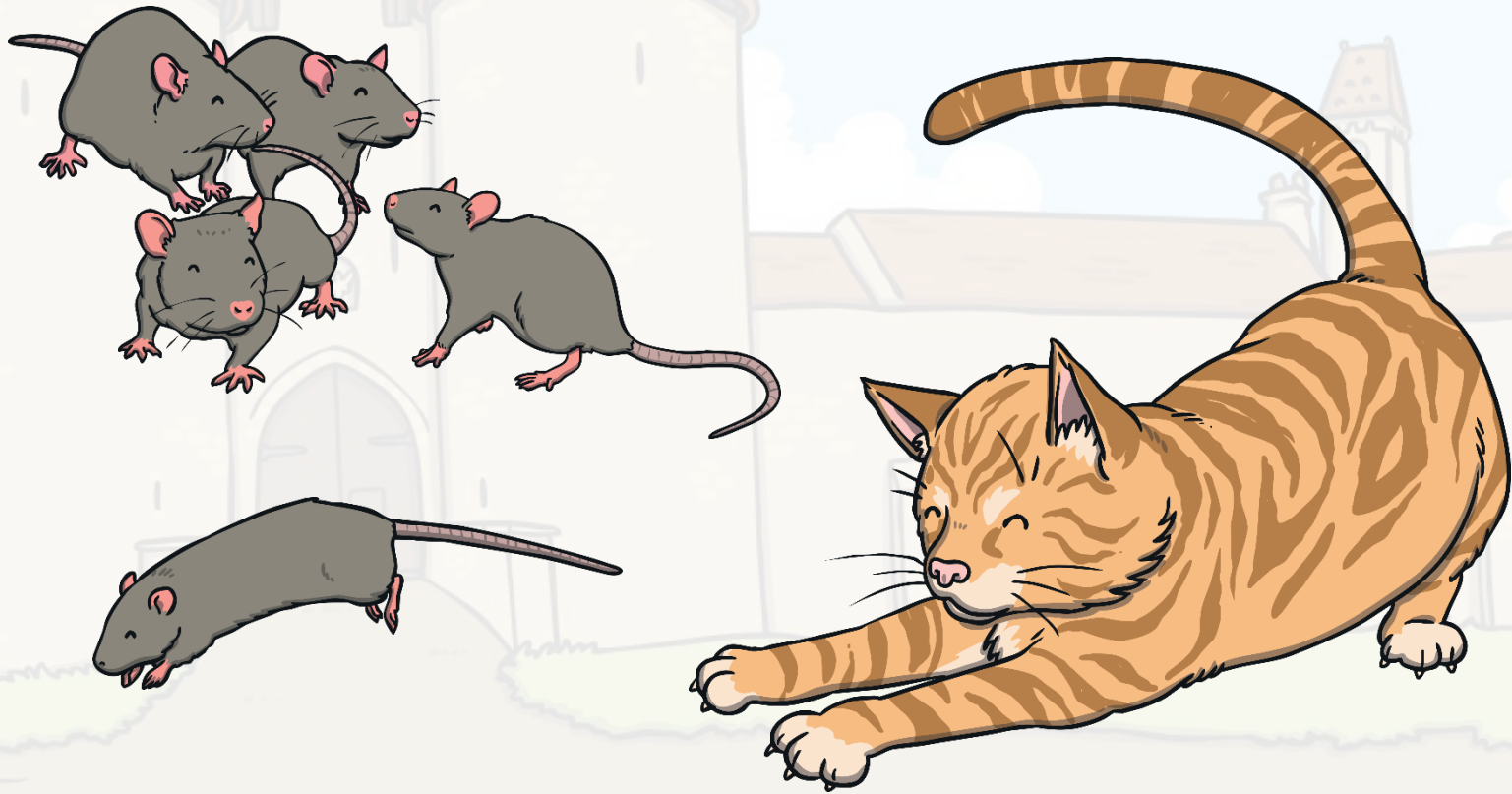
Once upon a time there was a town called Hamelin.



The town had always had a lot of rats but usually the cats took care of the problem.



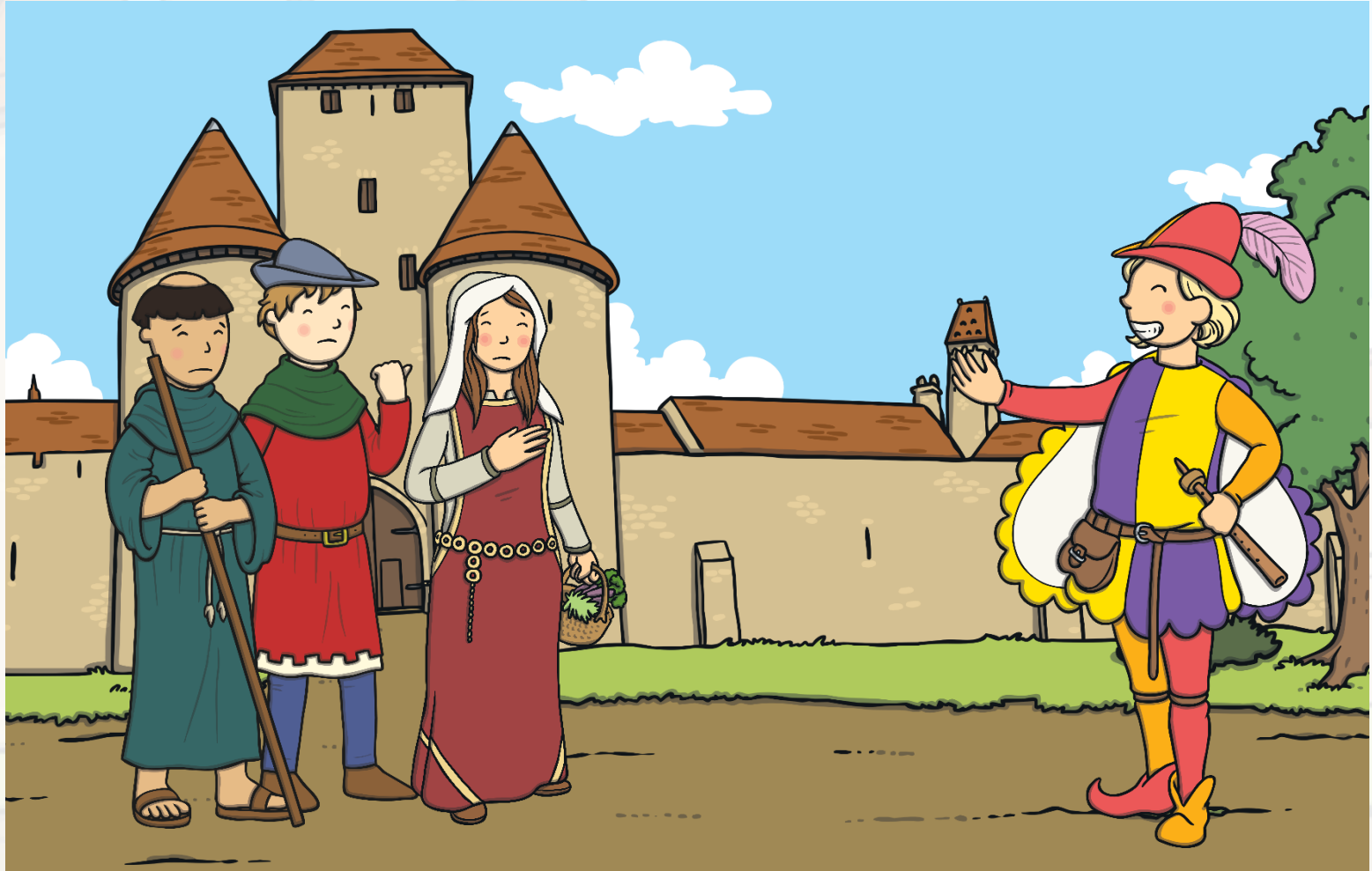
The rats began to take over the town and the cats could no longer catch them all.



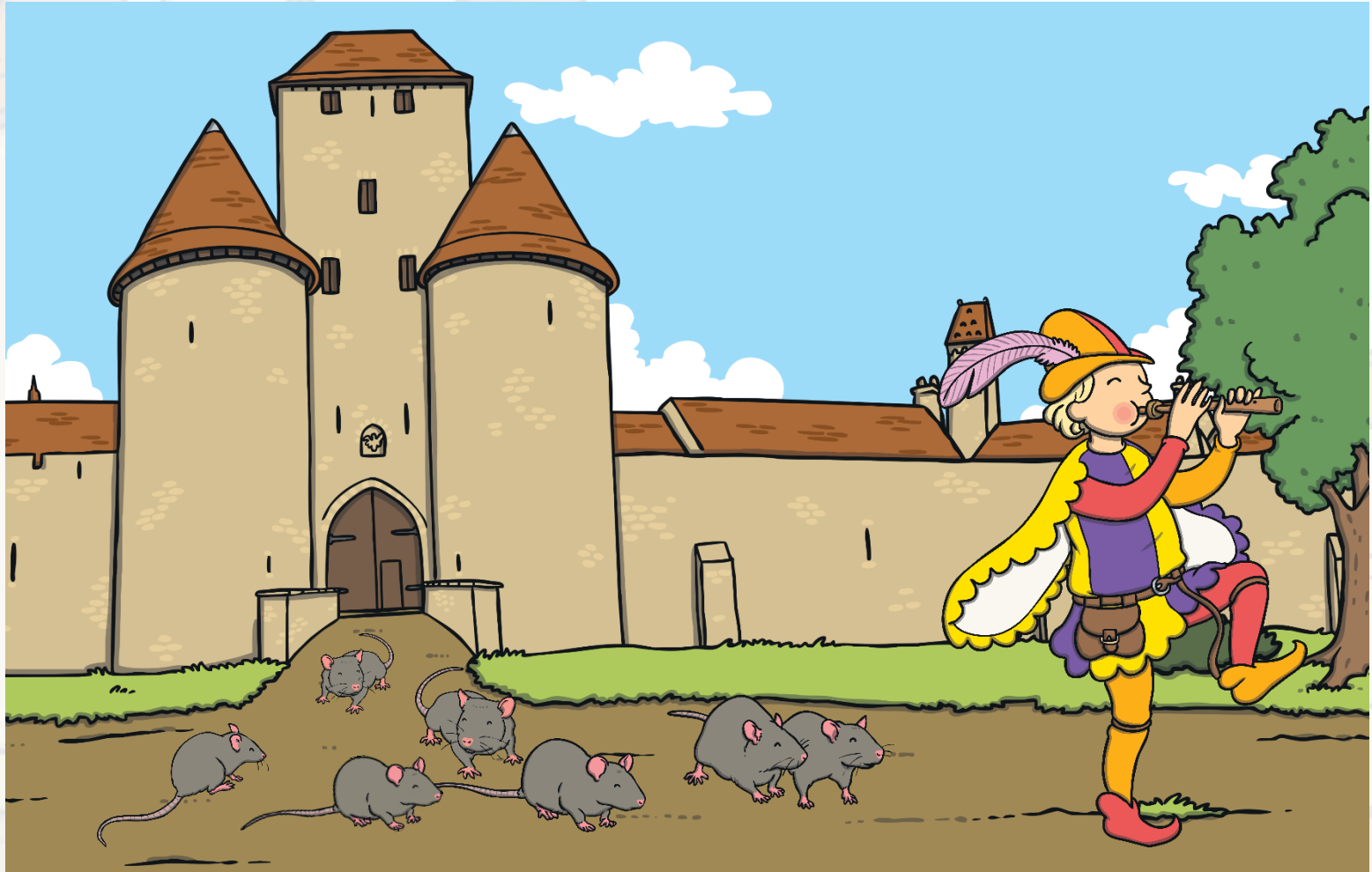
The villagers were scared and sad, they did not know what to do.



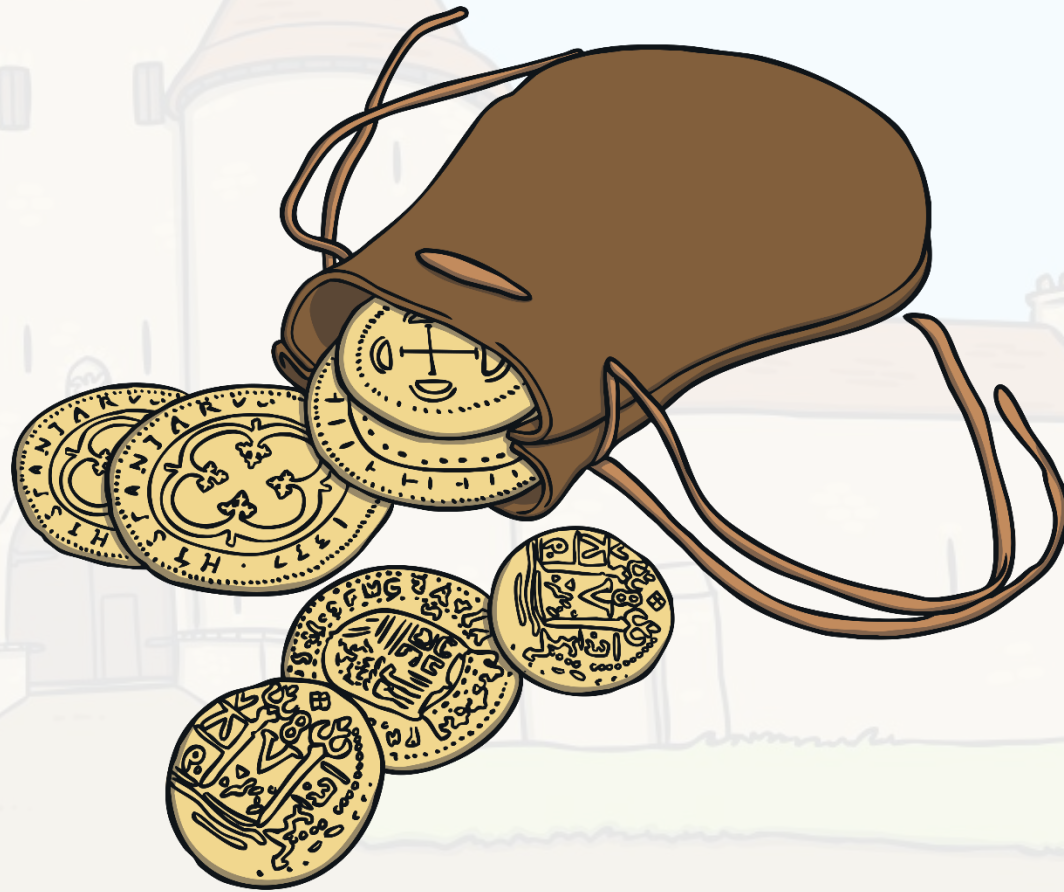
The Pied Piper offered to get rid of the rats with his magic pipe in return for some money.



The Piper blew his pipes and the rats followed him away from the village.



The people wouldn't pay the Pied Piper the money they owed.





The Piper played his pipes again so that only the children could hear. They followed the Piper.



The Piper led the children into a cave in the mountain never to be seen again.



Only one boy escaped as he could not catch up and the cave entrance magically shut.



The Mayor sent his men to look for the Piper and bring the children back but none could find him or the missing children.



