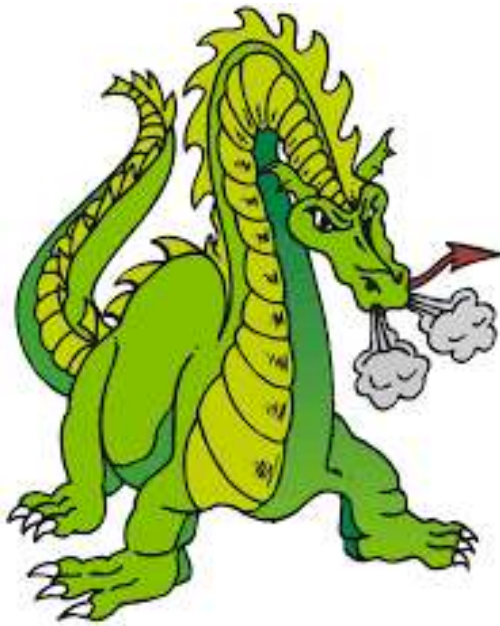


Lower KS2 English Pack

Here be Dragons!



Sources:

www.lovesreading4kids.co.uk

https://harrypotter.fandom.com/wiki/Main_Page

What do you already know about dragons?

- Make a list of any stories, films or games you know that have dragons in them
- Label the different parts of the dragon below (you might need to stick it in your book first)
- What words can you add to describe dragons?
- What else do you know about dragons? Start a list called **Dragon Facts**



Dragon Delights

Dragons are **legendary** (in a lot of stories but not proved to be real) creatures that appear in stories all around the world. As they are **serpentine** (like a serpent or snake) creatures, they are often seen as 'baddies'. Dragons breathe fire and are sometimes thought to guard treasure. However, in some East Asian cultures, like China, dragons are seen as a symbol of power, strength and good luck for some people. A 'dragon' often dances through the streets to celebrate Chinese New Year. This is because it is thought to bring good luck.



There are many stories with dragons in them. Here are some blurbs from LovesReading4Kids.co.uk. **Which of these stories would you like to read?**

The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd



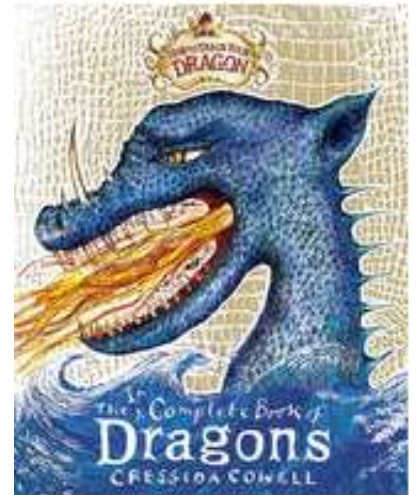
When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house - and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches! The tree is a dragonfruit tree, and Tomas has got his very own dragon, Flicker ... Tomas soon finds out that life with Flicker is great fun, but also very ... unpredictable. Yes, dragons are wonderful, but they also set fire to your toothbrush and leave your pants hanging from the TV aerial. Tomas has to learn how to look after Flicker - and quickly. And then something extraordinary happens - more dragonfruits appear on the tree. Tomas is officially growing dragons ... The first book in a sparky and utterly enchanting new series.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/book/9781848126497/isbn/The-Boy-Who-Grew-Dragons-The-Boy-Who-Grew-Dragons-1-by-Andy-Shepherd.html>

The Incomplete World of Dragons by Cressida Cowell

Long ago, the world was full of dragons. But what happened to them? Where are they now? These pages are taken from the notebooks of Viking Hero Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third when he was just a boy. A keen dragonwatcher, Hiccup paints a picture of the brilliance and fire and spirit of that lost dragon world.

Featuring dragon profiles, dragon anatomy, dragon riding tips and lots more must know info e.g. how to spot the difference between an Arsenic Adderwing and a Glow Worm (you don't want to mix those two up) and what to do when confronted with a Hellsteether. This is a must for all keen dragonwatchers out there...



<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/book/9991/Incomplete-World-of-Dragons-by-Cressida-Cowell.html>

Grown Ups Can't be Friends with Dragons by Antony Wootten



Brian is always in trouble at school, and his home life is far from peaceful. So he often runs away to the cave by the sea where he has happy memories. But there is something else in the cave: a creature, lonely and confused. Together they visit another world where they find wonderful friends, but also deadly enemies. Brian's life is torn between the two worlds, and he begins to realise that, in the real world at least, grown-ups can't be friends with dragons.

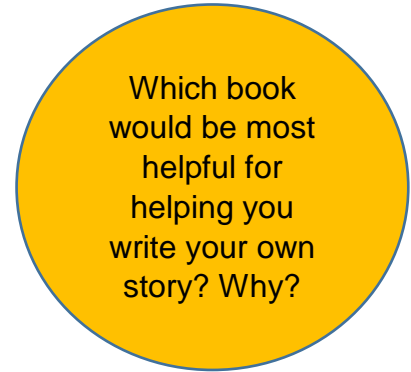
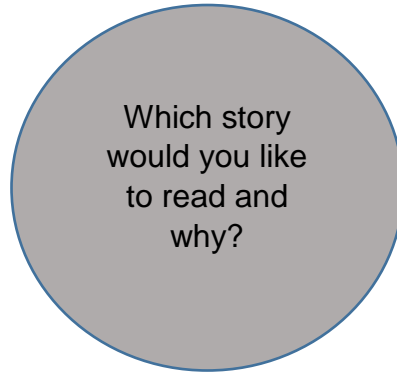
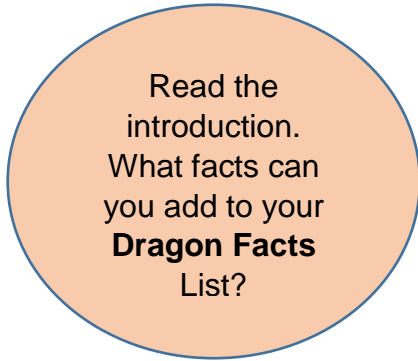
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Collect the Coins!

Some dragons guard treasure. How many coins can you collect by answering the questions/doing the activities in them?



There are bronze (easier), silver (bit harder), gold (challenge) coins. Collect as many of each as possible.



5 bronze coins = 1 silver

2 silver coins = 1 gold

Harry Potter and Dragons

Dragons often appear in the Harry Potter books by JK Rowling. The harrypotter.fandom.com/wiki pages have lots of information about dragons and the other mythical creatures that appear in the books. Read the following based on some of the information taken from there.

(<https://harrypotter.fandom.com/wiki/Dragon>)

Dragons are giant winged, fire-breathing **reptilian** beasts. Widely **regarded** as terrifying, yet **awe-inspiring**, they can be found all over the world and are often referred to in Asian and medieval European folk tales.

Able to fly and breathe fire through their **nostrils** and mouths, they are one of the most dangerous and hardest to hide creatures in the wizarding world.

Their heartstring can be used as the **core** of a wand. The British Ministry of Magic classifies them as XXXXX. They are known wizard killers that are impossible to train or **domesticate**. Despite how dangerous they are, there are people who are trained to work with them, called dragon keepers, or dragonologists. A wizard or witch who trades and sells dragon eggs (which is an illegal activity) is referred to as a dragon **dealer**.

Dragon mothers breathe fire on their eggs to keep them warm. They do not keep their eggs in nests. Newly born dragons are **referred to** as chicks. The dragon's first fire breaths, usually **accompanied** by thick grey smoke, appear when the dragon is

around six months old. However, the **ability** to fly is normally developed later, at around twelve months and the dragon will not be fully **mature** until it is two years old and ready to live on its own. *Dragon Breeding for Pleasure and Profit* **states** that you are to feed a baby dragon a bucket of brandy mixed with chicken blood every half hour. This **apparently** serves a **replacement** for dragon milk.

Match the Words to Collect the Coins

Copy the words in **bold** from the text and find the meaning that goes with it.

awesome,
incredible,
breathtaking,
astonishing,
mind-blowing

nose,
snout,
muzzle

The centre
or middle of
something

thought,
believed,
supposed,
considered

Skill,
talent,

Like a reptile
(eg. snake,
lizard,
alligator etc)

says



Someone
who sells
something

substitute,
backup,
reserve

along with
happening at
the same
time

Called,
referenced, talked
about/mentioned
as

it would seem,
by all accounts,
it would appear

fully
grown,
adult

To adapt
to live with
humans

Quizzical Dragons

Have a go at the quiz below to add to your coin collection.

How many extra **dragon facts** can you add to your list from what you have read? Have a bronze coin for each fact.

Why do you think dragons are '**awe-inspiring**'?

Why do you think dragons are referred to as '**reptilian**'?

Why do you think dragons are hard to hide?

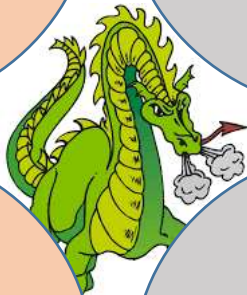
Why are dragons dangerous? Give two reasons

Why are dragons hard to **domesticate**?

What is the name given to people trained to work with dragons?

Why are dragons dangerous? Give two reasons

Why do you think trading in dragon eggs is an '**illegal activity**'? (Against the law)



'Egg'citing Dragon Writing

Use the information in the text to write a set of instructions on how to raise a baby dragon. Try and include the following:



Introduction	List of what you need	Imperative (bossy) verbs
Adverbs (how, when, where)	Extra details	Closing statement



What if you found a dragon's egg... or had a dragon tree in your garden... or came across a dragon at Wizard School?

Write a **Dragon Adventure** Story including an introduction, build up, problem, resolution and ending.

Use the information in the text to draw the **life-cycle** of a dragon and then **write an explanation**

