

## KS1 English Pack

### 'Here be Dragons!'



Sources:

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/dragon-poems-6442899>

<https://poetryroundabout.com/tag/portrait-of-a-dragon/>

Find out about more dragon poems here

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/book/9780192767493/isbn/Dragon-Poems-by-John-Foster.html>

## 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**



## Dragons

There are lots of stories about dragons. In some stories, dragons are seen as 'baddies' that go around breathing fire. In other stories, like the Zog stories, dragons are 'goodies'. Dragons are **mythical** creatures. This means they appear in a lot of stories but no one has proved they are real.

Dragons appear in stories from all around the world. Usually they are able to fly and breathe fire. The **ancient Greeks** (who lived hundreds and hundreds of years ago) believed dragons were created by the gods to guard their treasure.



*This week you can earn bronze, silver and gold coins by answering questions and doing the activities. See how many you can collect.*

What can you add  
to your  
**Dragon Facts**  
after reading this  
page?

Read the  
poem out loud

Underline the  
words that tell  
us what  
dragons do.

### Ancient Dragons

Dragons, they say, lived long ago.  
Where they came from, I do not know.  
Some like to fly and roar and prance.  
Others are colourful and love to dance.  
Long tails,

Huge wings,

Golden eyes,

Sharp claws,

Scaly skin,

Forked tongue

I'm glad they don't live here any more.

by

Mrs Maloney



Underline the  
words and  
phrases that  
describe what  
dragons look  
like

What do you  
think a  
'forked  
tongue' is?

Collect all the rhyming pairs  
of words. See how many  
more you can add to each  
one. Eg. ago

know

show

low

bow

From the  
underlined  
words, add any  
new ones to  
your labelled  
dragon

Word check: **curious** = unusual, strange or inquisitive – likes to find things out

**Read the  
poem out loud**

My New Pet.

Underline the  
words that tell  
us what the new  
pet does.

My new pet is a curious kind.

It popped out of an egg that I did find.

With beady eyes and curly claws

And razor sharp teeth filling its jaws.

Enormous wings like leathery sails,

Scaly armour right down to its tail,

Roaring and huffing and puffing out fire,

To eat you for dinner is all it desires.

It's not a snake, or a lizard, or bat ...



Underline the  
words and  
phrases that  
describe what  
the pet looks  
like

My pet is a DRAGON!

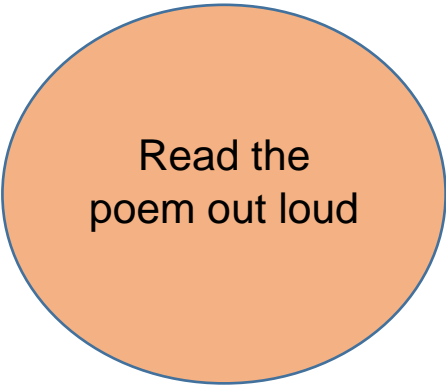
How about that?

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What do you  
think 'razor  
sharp teeth'  
are?

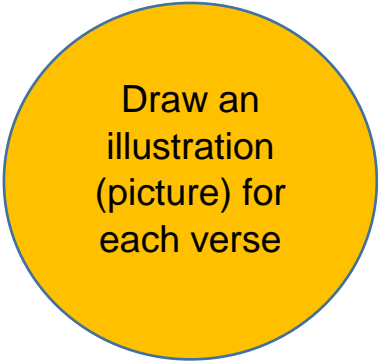
Collect all the  
rhyming pairs of  
words. See how  
many more you can  
add to each one.

From the  
underlined  
words, add any  
new ones to  
your labelled  
dragon



Read the  
poem out loud

## **Portrait of a Dragon**



Draw an  
illustration  
(picture) for  
each verse

If I were an artist  
I'd paint the portrait  
of a dragon.

To do a proper job  
I'd borrow colours  
from the world.

For his back I'd  
need a mountain  
range,  
all misty blue.

For spikes I'd use  
dark fir trees pointing  
to the sky

For overlapping scales  
I'd squeeze dye from  
bright anemones.

I'd gild his claws  
like shining swords  
with starlight.

His tail would be  
a river, silver  
in the sun.

For his head, the  
secret green of forests  
and deep seas.

And his eyes would  
glow like embers in  
a tinker's fire.

But I'd keep the best  
till last. For his  
hot breath

I'd use all reds and  
yellows – crocus, saffron,  
peony, poppy,

geranium, cyclamen, rose –  
and fierce orange flames  
from a marigold.

By Moira Andrew

<https://poetryroundabout.com/tag/portrait->

The poet would  
use a lot of  
colours for the  
dragon's breath.  
Make a list of the  
colourful flowers  
mentioned

Did you know saffron  
is a red-coloured  
spice made out of  
crocus flowers?



## Extra Coin Collection

Which is your favourite poem and why?

What have you learnt about dragons that you did not know before?



Learn the first poem off by heart and put actions to it

Learn the second poem off by heart and put actions to it

Learn the third poem off by heart and put actions to it



## Get 'Egg'cited' about Writing

Choose some extra coins by choosing from one, or more, of the writing activities below



Draw your own dragon and describe it including the new words and phrases you have collected

Choose one of the poems and change bits of it to make it your own



Imagine you, or another character, finds a dragon's egg. Write a story about what happens. Include the following:

Introduction-problem-how the problem gets solved-ending

