

4-7 year olds
Challenge Curriculum
January - April 2024

Welcome to the World of Dragons!

Key Focus areas

Dragons in literature and culture

Comparing countries

The Romans

Seasons and adaptations

Design & Technology projects

Map-making

Challenge 1: Tell Me A Dragon

English: Dragons in literature and folklore e.g. 'Tell Me A Dragon' by Jackie Morris, 'The Dragon Painter' - traditional Chinese story, story time with dragon books, telling and writing our own dragon stories.

History: Origins and history of dragons in different cultures.

PSHCE: Chinese New Year (Year of the dragon)



Challenge 3: Feeding Time!

English: Reading, following and writing recipes - lists, instructions, imperative verbs, sequencing

DT: Food preparation tools, food preparation techniques, food hygiene, selecting ingredients

Maths: Measuring, halving/doubling

Challenge 4: Here Be Dragons!

Geography: Map reading, map-making, using atlases, exploring and comparing Chinese and Italian culture and historic landmarks

MFL: Italian vocabulary and phrases

Art: Water colour painting, depiction of dragons in Chinese culture.

Focus book: 'Here Be Dragons' by Susannah Lloyd



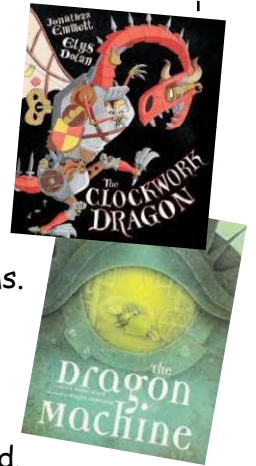
Challenge 2: Would Dragons Hibernate?

Science: Seasons - keeping a daily diary to observe short and medium-term changes in the weather, how the four seasons differ, how plants and animals adapt to different seasons. Dragon fire - light, shadow and heat

DT: Designing a dragon that is adapted to its habitat and season of activity, testing materials, exploring mechanisms.

Focus story books:

'The Clockwork Dragon' by Jonathan Emmett and 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward.



Challenge 5: Did The Romans Believe in Dragons?

English: Dragons in Roman mythology

History: Exploring who 'The Romans' were and what life was like in Roman times, significant events of Roman history.

Geography: The Roman Empire and the Romans in England, location of historic sights in modern Rome and Britain.

DT: Roman technology and how this has contributed to our lives today.

Subjects also taught discretely: PE, music, computing and maths.