

Week 2 of Isolation

Suggested reading/ writing activities for children in Y3 and 4 based around the new book 'Hairies, Fairies and Scaries' on Rising Stars STARS/Lime

Hairies, Fairies and Scaries is a guide to magical creatures from around the world. Each chapter explains what the different creatures are like, where they come from and gives interesting facts about them.

Before reading

- Look together at the cover of the book. Discuss why the children might read the book. If necessary, point out the sub-title 'A Guide to Magical Creatures'.
- Together, you could compile a list of magical creatures that the children are familiar with, and then see if they are included in the book. (They could be in films or books already read)
- This will provide an opportunity to look for information using the contents and index. Read the back-cover blurb together.

Look at the contents page together and share any names they think look interesting .

Ask: What do you think this text has been written for? Establish that it has been designed to give information about the topic – magical creatures. How is the text organised? The children can answer this by looking at the contents page; each short chapter covers a different creature or group of creatures.

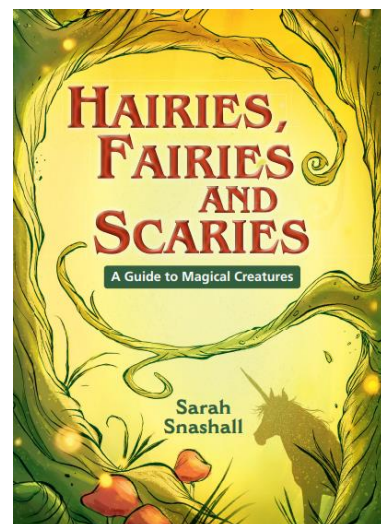
- If the children can read whatever chapter they want – whatever takes their interest. Note how the first paragraph introduces the subject and subsequent paragraphs give more detail with little organisational additions like the 'Did you know' boxes etc

Suggested Follow-up activities ;

- Can the children make up their own creature or they could take a creature from the book and give it different characteristics, such as a friendly ogre or mischief-making mermaid – encourage the children to be creative!
- You could design a wanted poster for some of the creatures either in the book or the one you have invented !
- Write your own fairy tale about one of the magical creatures in the book.
- Locate the countries mentioned in this book on a world map.

Thanks for all the hard work, if your parents or carers could take a photo and email it to us on the year3 or Y4 emails , we'd love to see it !

Mrs Burns, Mr Fairclough and Miss Hughes



Magical creatures

Creature: Fairy



Author's description:

delicate, pretty, small, naughty

My own description:

fragile, winged, dancing

Creature:

Author's description:

My own description:

Police warning

On the night of 31st October, a number of crimes were reported in the area. Police are seeking help in identifying the creatures responsible.

- 1 The first suspect was described as very short, wearing a red hat and shoes, and was seen heading towards a castle.

Suspect: _____

- 2 There were a group of mischievous little creatures, each about the size of a hand, believed to be luring travellers into bogs and cackling a lot.

Suspect: _____

- 3 A fierce one-eyed creature was heard making a terrible noise and keeping people awake by making the ground shake.

Suspect: _____

- 4 A huge creature with leathery wings was responsible for starting a number of fires.

Suspect: _____

- 5 Police believe these crimes may have been witnessed by a woman dressed in sea shells seen combing her hair nearby.

Suspect: _____

These creatures are dangerous and should not be approached by the public.