



RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS FROM NORWICH CASTLE:

KS1 and Lower KS2 A Dragon's Tale: extension activities and resources

Extension activities: fearsome and hybrid creatures

Look at other fearsome and fantastic creatures - for example: Pegasus, a griffon, Pan, a centaur, a minotaur, a chimera, a zeedonk. Can children identify the different parts which come from other animals or creatures? Point out that the zeedonk is a real animal.

Read descriptions of other characters and creatures in books and films. Can the children recognise who they are?

Example 1: 'From the waist upwards he was like a man, but his legs were shaped like a goat's (the hair on them was glossy black) and instead of feet he had goat's hoofs. He also had a tail... He had a strange but pleasant little face, with a short pointed beard and curly hair, and out of the hair there stuck two horns, one on each side of his forehead... He was a Faun.' From CS Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (1950).

This description tells us what the creature looks like. Does anyone know his name? It's Mr Tumnus. What else would we need to know to judge what a faun is like? Do you think Mr Tumnus is friendly? How do you know? What other information would you need to decide?

Example 2: What do you call a creature who is half-woman, half-fish? Children may recognise mermaids from Disney's adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's story *The Little Mermaid*. What would it be like to live in the ocean, as the Little Mermaid does? Would you like to be a mermaid? If yes, why? If no, why not?

Related resources:

You can find the following related resources on our [website](#):

- Character description worksheet for the Knight
- The Tale of a Dragon storyboard worksheet
- A Fearsome Creature description worksheet

Other books and poems:

Prefabulous Animiles by James Reeves

Flanimals by Ricky Gervais

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them by JK Rowling

Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll

