

## Home Learning – 11.05.2020

### Year 6 Reading and Writing Focus Tasks



For the following reading and writing tasks, please follow this link to watch the video: **Dragon Slayer**

<https://www.literacyshed.com/dragonslayer.html>

This is the context of the video:

***In a time when dragons threatened mankind, there was only one man who fought against them all. His name is Tarragon and riding on his brave battle horse Black Bull, he is on his way to work. But things don't always turn out as they should...and one day.***

#### **Reading Task**

1. At the start of the video, which tool is the man using to make a weapon?
2. Pause the video at 1:13 (this is where the title comes up). The main character is called Tarragon and his horse is Black Bull. Make a prediction about where you think they are going and what they are going to do. Remember to use words like because to justify and explain why you think this.

Pause the video at 2:08.

3. Both questions 3 and 4 will relate to the paused video.
  - (a) Write down 3 different emotions that you think Tarragon will feel when he first sees the dragon. Justify and explain why you think he will feel these emotions.
  - (b) Explain how Tarragon and Black Bull's emotions and actions differ at this point in the video. Why do you think this might be?
4. Prediction: On Tarragon's shield we see a tally. What do you think this is relating to?

Continue watching the video:

Pause the video at 3:07. Both questions 5 and 6 will relate to the paused video.

5. What do you think is causing the fire to come from the bush?
6. How do you think Tarragon feels when he discovers what is finding in the bush?  
How do you think this differs from how he will feel for question 3a?
7. Pause the video at 4:34. Why do you think the horse refuses to move? Explain why you think this.
8. Pause the video at 5:51. Why do you think the dragon imitates Tarragon?
9. Do you think Tarragon will continue slaying dragons in the future?  
Yes or No – Choose one and give three different justifications. Use evidence from the video to support your argument.
10. For the following statements, say whether they are true or false. For any false statements, please write the correct statement:
  - Tarragon has blonde hair
  - The baby dragon grabs Tarragon on the arm
  - Tarragon has spikes on his right shoulder
  - There are four baby dragons

## **Writing Activities**

### **Character Description**

Can you write a character description of Tarragon, Black Bull or the Dragon? You can choose to write about one character or all three if you wish to! Remember this is writing to inform and entertain, so use lots of figurative language to paint a vivid image in the reader's head of what your character looks like! Here, you can use lots of well thought-up similes and metaphors. Also, mention how your character behaves and any personality traits you can think of.

### **Retell the story**

Write a description of how Tarragon defeated the dragon in either first or third person. Remember to keep this consistent throughout your piece of writing though. Try to use short sentences to build up suspense and tensions. Also, try include 'show, not tell sentences' to allow the reader a greater insight as to what the characters are thinking!

Challenge – Write from either Tarragon or the dragon’s point of view. Think about bias will be different depending upon whom you write as. Alternatively, you can do this from both character’s point of view and then compare how their version of the same event will differ!

### **Instructions**

Write a set of instructions for either **how to look after a dragon** or **how to capture a dragon**. Remember to use imperative (bossy) verbs. What do you think would be necessary to either look after or capture a dragon? You will have to use your imagination here!

### **Write a Prequel or Sequel**

**Prequel** – This happens before the original story.

This is at the start of the video; it might help you to think of ideas!

Questions to ponder to help you:

- What do you think happened before this video happened?
- Why do you think Tarragon dislikes dragons so much?
- Has anything happened to Tarragon to build up this dislike of dragons?
- How did Tarragon and Black Bull meet/team up?

**Sequel** – This will follow on from the Dragon Slayer video. What do you think will happen next?

Questions to ponder to help you:

- How will Tarragon’s people react to him bringing dragons back?
- Will Tarragon return home?
- Will Tarragon encounter any problems trying to raise the dragons?
- Do you think the dragons will respect/obey Tarragon?
- How might Black Bull react to Tarragon having a new animal to accompany him on journeys?

### **Persuasive Writing**

Write an advert, asking people to adopt or sponsor a dragon. This will be similar to what the RSPCA do for pets. Don’t forget to use persuasive language in your writing and language features such as rhetorical questions.

### **Newspaper Report**

Write the events of the story as a newspaper article. Remember to inform the reader about what happened in the story and you can choose your own layout!

Challenge – Include quotes, using correct speech punctuation!