

Monday 22nd June

Guided reading

Portrait of a Dragon

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 fire.

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

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

And fierce orange flames from a marigold.

Read the poem describing the dragon twice.

Do you like the poem?

Explain your answer.

I have made a word bank of some of the tricky words from the poem to help you.

Word	Meaning
Anemones	Is a type of flower.
Gild	Cover something in gold.
Embers	Glowing hot coal.
Crocus	Is a type of flower.
Saffron	Is a spice.
Peony	Is a type of flower.
Marigold	Is a type of flower.



Embers



Anemones



Marigold



Saffron



Peony



Crocus