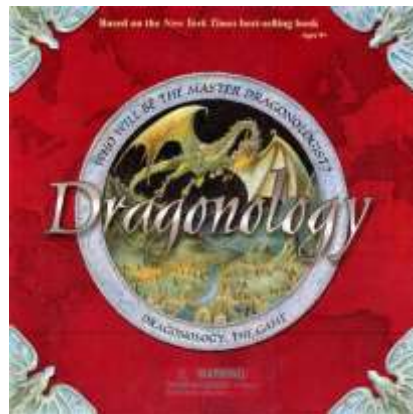


# Year 3 Knowledge Organiser Summer Term

## Dragonology – The Complete Book of Dragons

### TERMS Key Vocabulary

<b>Dragon</b>	A mythical creature that usually has wings, scales and breathes fire
<b>Dragonology</b>	The study of dragons and their behaviours
<b>Myth</b>	A traditional story used to explain beliefs or natural events
<b>Habitat</b>	The natural home where an animal or creature live
<b>Scales</b>	Hard plates that protect a dragon's skin
<b>Wingspan</b>	The distance from one wing tip to the other
<b>Hatchling</b>	A baby dragon that has just hatched from an egg
<b>Extinct</b>	When a species no longer exists
<b>Camouflage</b>	Colours or patterns that help a creature hide
<b>Legend</b>	A story passed down the generations



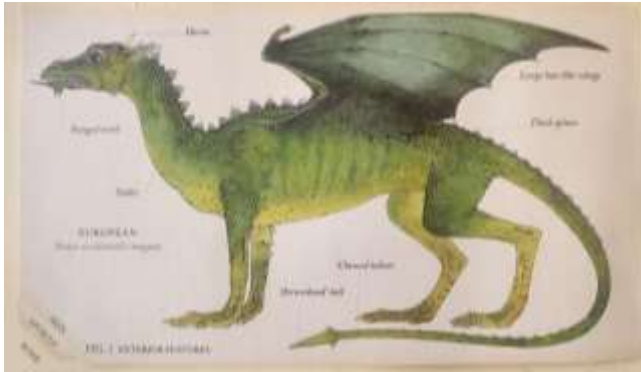
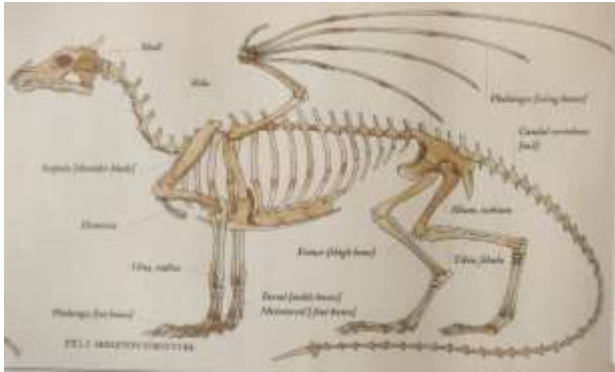
### COMPARE Similarities and Differences

- **Body:** The types of scales different dragons have for protection
- **Wings:** Not all dragons have the ability to fly, even though they have wings
- **Breath:** Some breathe fire, smoke, frost or steam
- **Size:** Dragons vary in size, some are enormous. Hatchlings are small
- **Habitats:** Dragons choose places where they can hide eggs and protect treasure
- **Other features:** Dragons have different features depending on where they live
- **Locations:** Different types of Dragons can be found all over the world

### SOURCES How We know about Dragons

- Myths and legends
- Ancient drawings and carvings
- Stories told and shared by sailors and explorers
- Maps showing Dragon sightings
- Famous Dragons – e.g. Smaug





## Extra Facts

**Name Origins:** The word "dragon" comes from the Greek word *draconem*, meaning "huge serpent".

**Mistaken Identity:** Ancient peoples often mistook fossilized dinosaur bones, woolly rhinoceros skulls, or dinosaur eggs for dragon remains

**Fire-Breathing Physics:** Some stories suggest dragons accidentally breathe fire when sneezing or belching.

**Dragonologist:** A person who studies dragons is called a dragonologist.

**Third Eyelid:** Dragons often have thick, transparent third eyelids to protect their eyes from fire, smoke, and debris, according to Dr. S.K. Burkman.

## CHRONOLOGY Life Cycle of a Dragon

- Egg
  - Hatchling
  - Young Dragon
  - Adult Dragon
- Some stories say that Dragons can live for hundreds of years.



### Egg Development

Stage one – embryo development

Stage two – discernible features develop

Stage three – egg horn develops

Stage four - hatching

