

Hi Girls,

Miss Dunne here. I hope you and your families are all well. Did you have a nice holiday? I did. I ate lots of Easter eggs. They were delicious.

I'm going to be emailing you some schoolwork every week. **PLEASE** do not try to do all the work all in one day. If we were in school this amount of work would take at least 5 days to do so do a little bit each day.

At the end of the week I will email you the correct answers for all the questions.

You can contact me by email if you're finding the work too hard or too easy. I'll be checking emails everyday between 10 am and 2pm. Just let me know if you're having any difficulty at all and I will try to help. My email address is [anne.dunne@stitaloughrea.com](mailto:anne.dunne@stitaloughrea.com)

### Reading

This week we're going on to a new story in our Starlight reading book.

It's on **page 122**. It's a **narrative** called '**The Dragon of Duma**'.

- This is a **narrative** text. You should find these features when you are reading a good narrative or story:
  - >Strong characters
  - >Interesting setting
  - >A problem that needs to be solved
  - >A clear beginning, middle and end
- These are some new words from the story.

Page 122	Page 123	Page 124
<b>ferocious</b> <b>lair</b> <b>scorched</b> <b>livestock</b> <b>declared</b> <b>piercing</b> <b>peasant</b> <b>spluttered</b>	<b>mysterious</b> <b>slay</b>	<b>monstrous</b> <b>ducked</b> <b>astonishment</b> <b>massive</b>

'ferocious' The 'ci' in this word make the /sh/ sound so we say fer-oh-shus.

- 'lair'** We say it like this: **lay-er**. It means 'resting place'.
- 'peasant'** A poor person who worked on the land or on farms.
- 'livestock'** Farm animals

- Read the story page 122 to 124

### Comprehension Activities

- Go to a new page in your copy and label it **Dictionary Work**.  
Look up the words listed below.  
Write the words and their meanings in your copy on the dictionary work page.

**scorched**  
**splutter**  
**slay**  
**declare**  
**massive**  
**astonished**

- In your copy write other words that mean the same as **'massive'**.
- In your copy write other words that mean the same as **'astonished'**.
- Answer these questions.

1. **Who are the main characters in the story?**
2. **Where is the story set?**
3. **What is the main problem in the story?**
4. **How was the problem solved?**

- Page 125. Complete activity **A: Fact Finding**
- Page 125. Complete activity **B: Read between the lines**

- Page 125. Do activity **C: Vocabulary**
- Page 126 Do activity **D: Vocabulary**
- On page 124 we read the word **'massive'**. This word means **'very big'**.

It is an adjective or describing word.

It tells us that the dragon's head is very big.

Find as many adjectives as you can on page 124.

Write them in your copy under the heading **Adjectives**.

### **Writing**

- Think about stories you know or films you've seen about dragons. Use these questions to help you write a description of one of these dragons. Then draw a picture of your dragon.
  - >What did the dragon look like? (size, colour...)
  - >Could the dragon fly?
  - >Could the dragon breathe fire?
  - >Where did the dragon live?
  - >Was the dragon fierce or friendly?
  - >Was the dragon a threat (danger) to the people who lived nearby?
  - >How did the people cope with them?
- Imagine a monstrous fantasy creature such as a giant, a troll, a monster.
  - >Write some notes about the creature's appearance (what it looks like).
  - >Mention if the creature has any magical powers or super powers.
  - >Describe what the creature likes to eat.
  - >Write about whether the creature is fierce or friendly or dangerous....
 Now draw a pictures of your creature.

It would be great if you could email me a picture of your stories. I would love to read them.

## Phonics

In the word 'ferocious' 'ci' makes the /sh/ sound.

The letters 'ci' often make the /sh/ sound in words.

Read the word list. All the words have 'ci'(sh) sound.

Write the wordlist into the back of your copy under the heading 'ci' words

See if you can add some words of your own.

<b>ferocious</b>	The dragon was ferocious.
<b>special</b>	A birthday is a special day.
<b>magician</b>	A magician did magic tricks at the birthday party.
<b>delicious</b>	The table was full of delicious food.
<b>official</b>	It's official. We all have to stay at home as much as possible.
<b>especially</b>	It is an especially difficult time for many people right now.
<b>precious</b>	Diamonds are precious jewels.
<b>musician</b>	The musician was an excellent violin player.
<b>artificial</b>	We have artificial grass at our school.
<b>optician</b>	An optician tests our eyes.