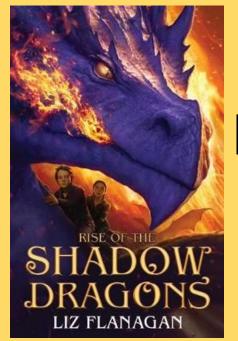
#### Monday 18th January 2021

L.O: To understand the meaning of words in context.



#### This week's text:

Rise of the Shadow Dragons by Liz Flanagan

What strategies do you need to use to understand the meaning of words?

The strategies I will need to use are....

### Steps to success

- Breaking up the word using knowledge of prefixes and suffixes.
- •Read around the words for clues.

•Use previous knowledge to support understanding.







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What does the word 'wheezing' mean?



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#### **Main task:**

#### Now answer the questions in full sentences in your books.

- 1. What does the verb, 'caked' mean?
- 2. What do you think the phrase, 'narrowly missing' means?
- 3. What does the word, 'hunched' suggest about how the riders are sitting?
- 4. Find three words used instead of 'said'.

#### **Main task: Sharing Answers**

- 1) The word caked means covered in something. Milla's face is covered with ash.
- 2) The phrase narrowly missing means the dragon was very close to crashing into the slopes.
- 3) The word hunched suggest the riders are leaning/sitting forwards.
- 4) Three synonyms for said are 'yelled', 'cried' and screamed.

## Self assessment - Reflection

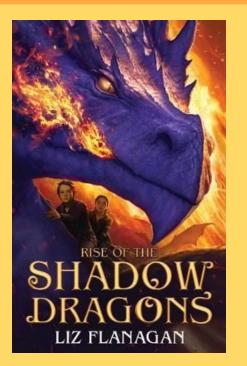
Have you learnt any new strategies today?

The summarising strategies I have learnt are.....



#### Tuesday 19th January 2021

L.O: To retrieve and record information from the text.



# This week's text: Rise of the Shadow Dragons

Today's learning focus...

We are learning to use \_\_\_\_\_ skills.

What strategies do you need to use?

The strategies I will need to use are....

### Steps to success

- Read the text carefully
- Find the appropriate information
- Pick out the information in order to answer questions







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Milla yells the dragons need to rest because they are finding flying difficult; their breath is heavy and their flanks covered in blood.

#### **Together:**

#### 1) What time of day is it?

What is the first step?

Next I should...

Then I must....

Finally....

#### What time of day is it?

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#### **Main task:**

- 2) What is on the flanks of the dragons?
- 3) What are the names of the two riders?
- 4) Where are the dragons and riders trying to get to?
- 5) Why are the dragons and riders running out of time?
- 6) Do you know the names of both dragons? If so, what are they?

#### **Main task: Sharing answers**

- 2) Blood is on the flanks of the dragons.
- 3) The names of the two riders are Milla and Thom.
- 4) The dragons and riders are trying to get to Arcosi.
- 5) They are running out of time because the volcano is erupting.
- 6) The text only gives the name of one dragon; Iggie.



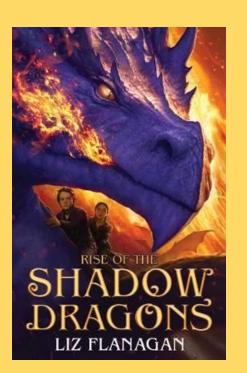
#### **Reflection**

The strategies I have learnt are...



#### Wednesday 20th January 2020

L.O: To summarise information from the text.



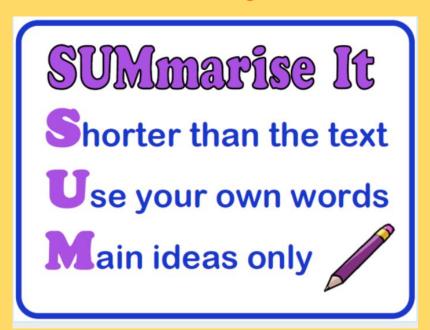
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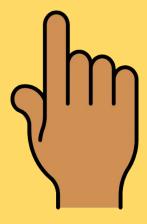
#### Steps to success

• To read and understand the text.

 To make sure my sentences are shorter than the text.

To use my own words.

To include the main ideas from the text.







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#### **Together:**

Let's try and summarise the text together.

Characters

Setting

Action

Description

Dialogue

#### **MAIN TASK:**

- 1. Is each statement below true or false?
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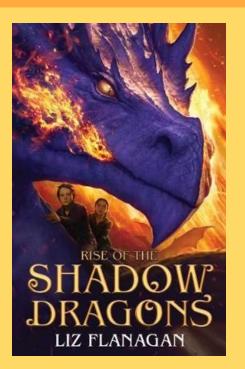


#### **Self- assessment - Reflection**

•The strategies I have used are .....

#### Thursday 21st January 2021

L.O: To form explanations based on inference.



# This week's text: Rise of the Shadow Dragons

IT SAYS	I SAY	AND SO I INFER
It says that Goldilocks sits in the baby chair even though she is not a baby.	I say that I know baby chairs are small and not meant for big kids because they weigh too much.	Since Goldilocks is too heavy for the baby chair, it breaks.

### Steps to success

• Highlight the key words in the question.

- Scan the text for keywords.
- Read around the key words for clues.
- Imagine the situation to check that your inference makes sense.







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#### **Together**

1) From the first paragraph, name two ways that we know the dragons are tired.

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#### Main task

- 2) 'Thom cried hoarsely, a grim look on his face.' How do you think Thom is feeling?
- 3) 'Sitting low on their dragons' backs', what does this phrase suggest about the riders want the dragons to move?
- 4) 'Hurry, Iggie, hurry! If it's the last thing we do, we have to tell them of the danger. We have to tell them what to do." How do you think Milla is feeling?

Main task: Sharing answers
2) 'Thom cried hoarsely, a grim look on his face.' How do you think Thom is feeling?

I think that Thom is feeling tired, the word hoarsely suggest he has been shouting and his throat is sore from all the effort he is making to reach Arcosi.

3) 'Sitting low on their dragons' backs', what does this phrase suggest about the riders want the dragons to move?

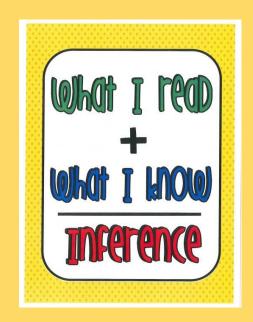
This phrase suggest that they want their dragons to move quickly.

4) 'Hurry, Iggie, hurry! If it's the last thing we do, we have to tell them of the danger. We have to tell them what to do." How do you think Milla is feeling?

I think Milla is feeling determined to get to Arcosi and help others.

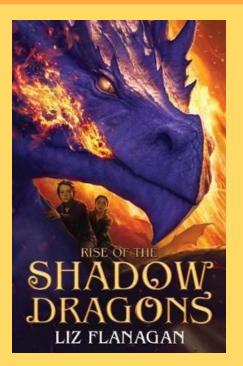
#### **Self - assessment: Reflection**

The strategies I have learnt today are...



#### Friday 22nd January 2021

L.O: To formulate and express views based on a text.



# This week's text: Rise of the Shadow Dragons

L.O: To formulate and express views based on a text.

### Steps to success

- To use evidence from the text to support my ideas.
- To use my own personal experiences.
- To read between the lines.

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#### L.O: To formulate and express views based on a text.

#### **Main Task:**

Write a mini review on this narrative text.

This text is about...

In my opinion this text is....

My favourite part is when...

My least favourite part is when...

I would give this text \_\_\_\_ out of 5 stars.