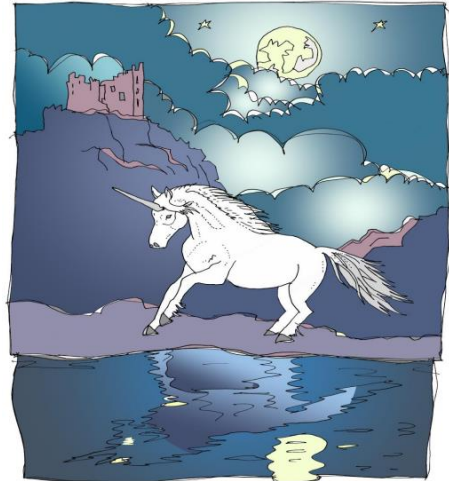


1. Sparky-start: mythical beast mix-ups!



Legends and stories are full of mythical creatures and fantastic beasts that are made up of parts of other animals mixed together. These are called 'hybrids'. They are fun to explore. For example:



Centaurs have the upper body of a human and the lower body of a horse.



Griffins have the body, legs and tail of a lion and the wings of an eagle.



The Minotaur has the head of a bull and the body of a human.

Invent your own mythical beast

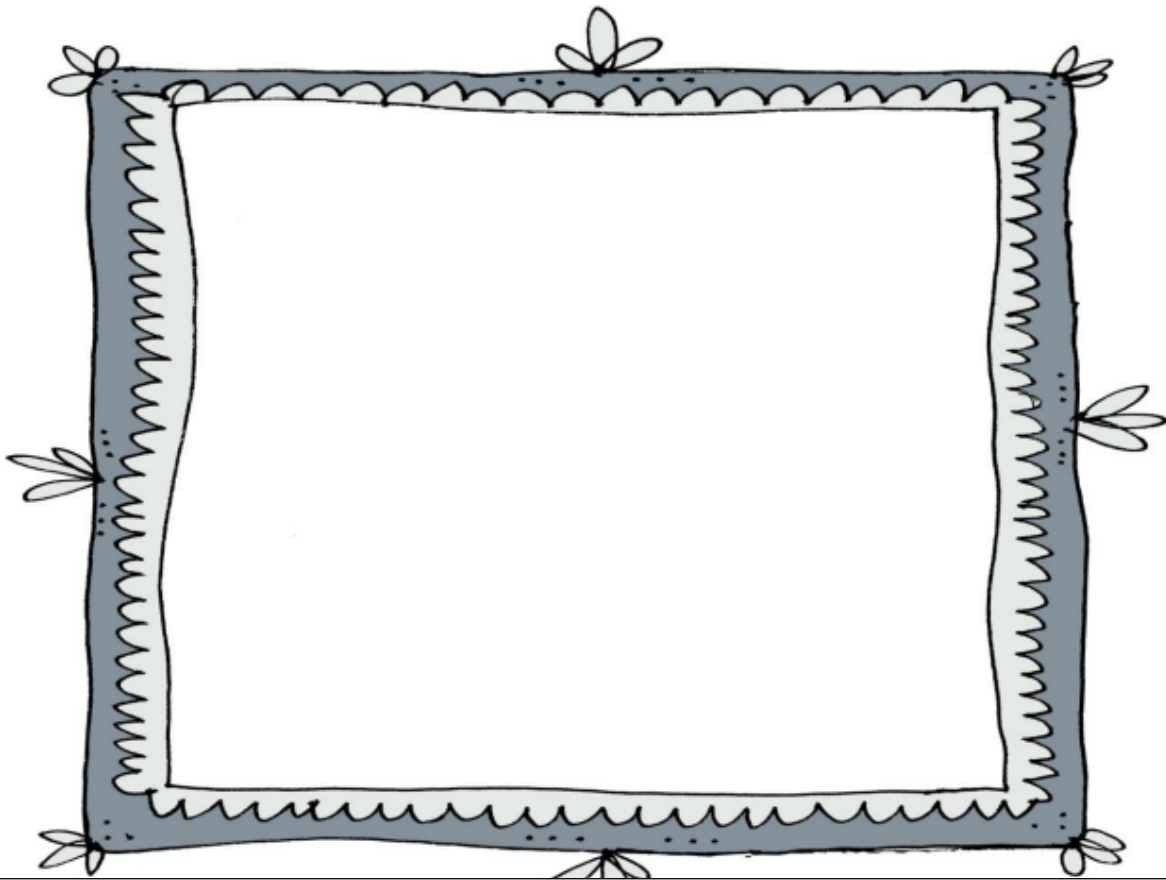
To start our unit of work, spend some time making up your own mythical beast. It could have different parts of interesting animals. Think about its legs, body and head. It might have a tail, wings or fins.

I had a go with some pencil crayons in my notebook. As you can see, I am not brilliant at drawing, but I had a lot of fun. My creature has the head and neck of a flamingo, the body and wings of a penguin, the legs of an elephant and a skunk's tail. I have called it the Flamenguin.



If you would like some help with your drawing, there are lots of really helpful artists and guides online for drawing animals. Google 'how to draw an elephant', for example, and you will be able to find some help. Make sure you tell an adult what you are doing. Draw yours here:

Or on paper 😊



Tasks:

1. How many words can you think of to describe your mythical beast? Write or type a list.

Challenge Can you think of a simile or metaphor to describe your beast?

2. Write as many super descriptive sentences about your mythical beast as you can in your neatest handwriting or write a detailed paragraph describing them in detail.