



## Year Eight Reading Focus: Strange Creatures

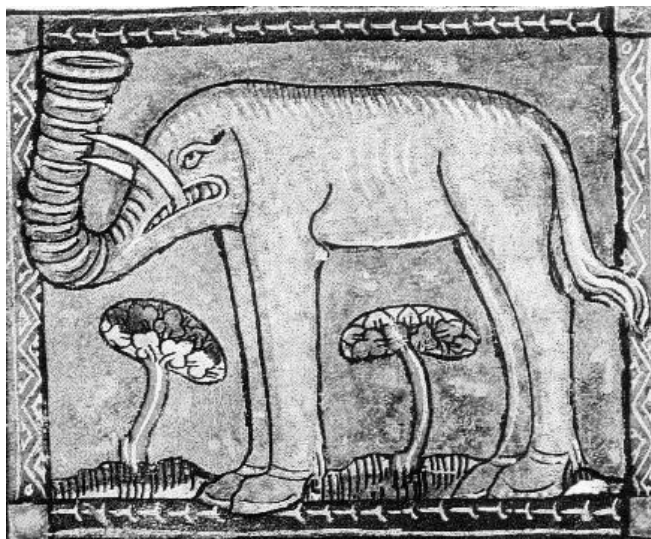
At the moment in English you're exploring poems about strange and evil beasts! You're going to follow this up in your reading, looking at a range of books about all kinds of creatures – real, imaginary, fascinating, disgusting, weird and wonderful.

**Gold challenge:** ten of the following

**Silver:** seven of the following

**Bronze:** five of the following

Books marked \* are more challenging reads.



*A very angry medieval elephant*

Title	Author
<i>Coraline; The Graveyard Book</i>	Neil Gaiman
<i>A Monster Calls</i>	Patrick Ness
<i>Tales of Mystery and Imagination</i>	Edgar Allan Poe
<i>My Swordhand is Singing</i>	Marcus Sedgwick
<i>Barkbelly</i>	Cat Weatherill
<i>Jaws</i>	Peter Benchley
<i>Jurassic Park</i>	Michael Crichton
<i>Cirque du Freak series</i>	Darren Shan
<i>Watership Down</i>	Richard Adams
<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
<i>Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them</i>	J.K. Rowling
<i>His Dark Materials trilogy</i>	Philip Pullman
<i>All Creatures Great and Small series</i>	James Herriot
<i>Blind Beauty</i>	K.M. Peyton
<i>Moby-Dick*</i>	Herman Melville
<i>H is for Hawk*</i>	Helen Macdonald
<i>A Kestrel for a Knave</i>	Barry Hines
<i>Artemis Fowl series</i>	Eoin Colfer
<i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children series</i>	Ransom Riggs
<i>Tarka the Otter; Ring of Bright Water</i>	Gavin Maxwell
<i>The Nature of the Beast</i>	Janni Howker
<i>My Family and Other Animals; Birds, Beasts and Relatives</i>	Gerald Durrell
<i>The Last Wild trilogy</i>	Piers Torday
<i>The Owl Service</i>	Alan Garner