

The Legend of St George and the Dragon

Go to: <http://projectbritain.com/stgeorge2.html>

St George's Day is approaching! See if you can use the webpage and the links from it to find out:

1. Who brought the cross of St George to England?
2. Why was St George imprisoned by the Romans?
3. St George replaced a previous patron saint. Who was he?
4. Who traditionally represents 'the power of evil' in Mummers Plays?
5. What was the name of the king's daughter who was saved by St George?
6. On which day is the patron saint of Scotland celebrated?
7. How long was the dragon's tail?
8. Where is the best place to strike a dragon with your sword? Why?
9. Why might an orange tree come in useful when fighting a dragon?
10. Which flower is worn to celebrate St George's day?

Dragons are strange creatures. In some cultures, they personify evil but in others, they represent happiness and good fortune.

- Do you think dragons are real?
- Why do you think people in the past believed in dragons like the one in the story of St George?