

Stories from Ancient Greece included mysterious creatures like Centaurs, which were half man and half horse.

Look out for birds on your way to school, and think of other animals that might live in the area, such as minibeasts, foxes, badgers and frogs.

Think about the way they travel. Describe the way they travel to your walking companions using lots of different words like pouncing, hopping, crawling, swooping, darting.

Make-up a creature of your own, which is made up of different parts of animals living in your area!

What would it look like?

What would it eat?

How would it travel?

Talk about your ideas.



*Frogbadger (half frog, half badger)*

Early explorers reported that they had seen strange new creatures on their travels. Stories developed of mythical creatures such as mermaids (half human, half fish), which swam, and gryphons (half lion, half eagle), which flew.

Using the insects and birds you see or could see around you to help you, create a new flying creature with super-powers!

Perhaps your creature is able to become the same colour as the sky or plants around it and so be invisible. Perhaps it has X-ray vision to help it see through buildings or water or can fly at super speeds!

Describe the appearance and powers of your super-creature to your walking companions.

You can only see some things when walking on the ground, because fences, trees and houses block your view.

The insects and birds flying high above you can see much more and over greater distances.

*Dragonfox (half dragonfly, half fox)*

They might see clumps of trees in a park close-by, a chain of back gardens or a string of buses on the road alongside you.

Describe what your flying creature would see if it were flying over the route you are walking.

