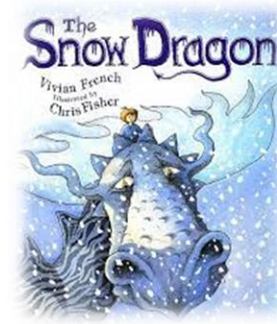




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YEAR 3 - THE SNOW DRAGON by Abi Elphinstone



### Text overview

**Plot:** Phoebe is the only child left at Griselda Bone's gloomy orphanage where daydreaming is banned, skipping is forbidden and Christmas is well and truly cancelled. A Snow Dragon enters the tale. Phoebe and her dog, Herb, are taken on a magical adventure.

**Themes:** magic adventure love

**Characters:** Phoebe Herb The Snow Dragon

Griselda

**Setting:** The Orphanage

### Key Vocabulary

Orphanage - a group home for orphans or children who cannot be looked after by their parents

Pledge - a solemn promise

Pirouette - an act of spinning

Miracle - an extraordinary and welcome event that cannot be explained

Lull - to calm or send to sleep

### Writing Objectives

In the autumn term of Year 3, pupils should plan and write stories based using the structure: opening, dilemma/ conflict / problem, resolution, ending. Pupils should write an opening paragraph and further paragraphs for each stage of the story ensuring that the sequence is clear by using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions. They should use either 1st or 3rd person consistently

### Prior Knowledge

Pupils have not written adventure stories. They have written simple narratives with an opening, problem, solution, ending. They have learnt to recognise some story language and typical characters e.g. good and bad in fairy tales.

### Author - Abi Elphinstone

Abi Elphinstone grew up in Scotland where she spent much of her childhood hiding in tree houses and running wild across highland glens.

She studied English at Bristol University and then worked as a teacher in Africa, Berkshire and London. She now writes adventure books for children.