



crafty

critters

Explore the park and see if you can find some special birds and animals around the Abbey and its gardens. These crafty critters are well hidden!

Score a point for each one you spot.

1 Lumley the Owl



- Find a building where horses used to be kept, in days gone by.
- Stand outside an archway and look up.
- Can you spot a stone owl carved on a shield?

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This little owl looks a bit lonely doesn't he? The owl was the symbol of the Lumley Savile family who once owned Rufford Abbey.

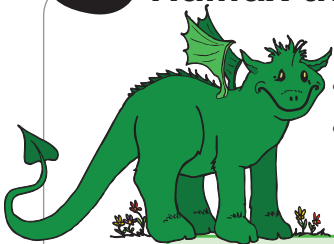


Score an extra point if you can find another owl in the gardens.

Clue - look all over the silver tree sculpture in the Children's Garden.

Score

2 Halifax the Dragon

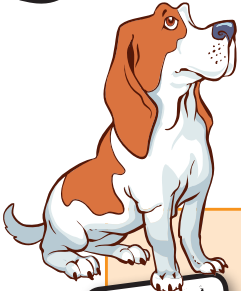


- Walk around outside the old Stables Courtyard and look up at the roof.
- Where the black iron drainpipes start, can you spot a fierce looking dragon? **Score a point if you find one.**

Score an extra point if you can find another set of dragons somewhere else high up on this building.

Score

3 Talbot the Hound



- Take a close look over the archways of the old Stables building.
- Can you find two hunting dogs?
- Score a point if you can spot them.

There was once a special breed of hunting dog called a “Talbot.” Talbot was also the name of the family who owned the Abbey after the monks left. On their family coat of arms, there are two Talbot hounds, one either side a shield.

Score an extra point if you can find a Talbot Hound somewhere else in the park. **Clue - going into Rufford Mill towards the Outdoor Living shop, stop for a minute, turn back and look up.**

Score

4 Percival & Penelope Parrot



- Find a set of tall gates covered in birds.
- On the very top are some pelicans in a nest.
- A bit lower down are two big parrots with open beaks.
- Score a point for each bird you can spot on the gates.

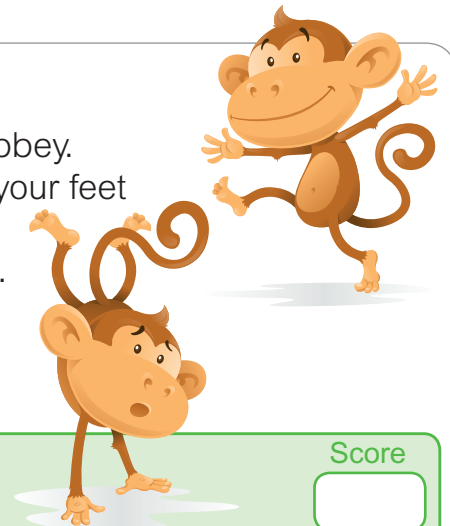
Clue - If you don't know where to look, walk down an avenue with tall trees on each side. Keep the Abbey's big front door behind you.

Score

5 Cheeky Monkeys



- Wander round the ruins of the old Abbey.
- In this place stone should be under your feet and the open sky above you.
- Look for the creatures along the wall. You'll see an angel with a book.
- But can you spot a pair of cheeky monkeys too?



Score one point for each monkey.

Score

Now add up your score

Total Score

Did you get over 10 points?

If so CONGRATULATIONS – you're a top spotter! No much gets past you – Eagle Eyes!

Under 10 points?

Not bad. But keep your eyes peeled. Look out for more crafty critters next time you come to Rufford Abbey.