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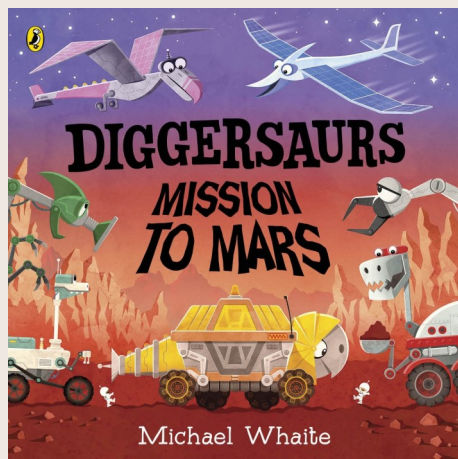


Diggersaurus: Mission to Mars

Michael Whaite

This book will suit lots of different ages. It would be a good book to read with the whole family.

It has wonderful rhyming words and bright colours as well as lots of great machines and imaginative ideas. Come back later to explore this fantastical book again and again.



BEFORE READING...



- ▶ To set the scene before reading look at the front cover and then read the first page. Point out the little rocket flying through space towards Mars.
- ▶ Depending on your child's interest, you could talk about real dinosaurs they know, construction vehicles, or space exploration before reading.

WHILE READING...



- ▶ As you read make sure to emphasise the rhyming words on each page: ball and all, day and way, flapping and snapping, later and crater.
- ▶ On later readings, pause before some of the rhyming words to encourage your child to fill in the gap e.g., "They're on the way to save the... day"

AFTER READING...



- ▶ Look through the book again, focussing on the machines and their names. Ask your child why you think Farmersaurus is called that or what real vehicle Collectorsaurus looks like.
- ▶ Encourage your child to look through the book independently, finding the little astronauts and the green alien on each page.

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