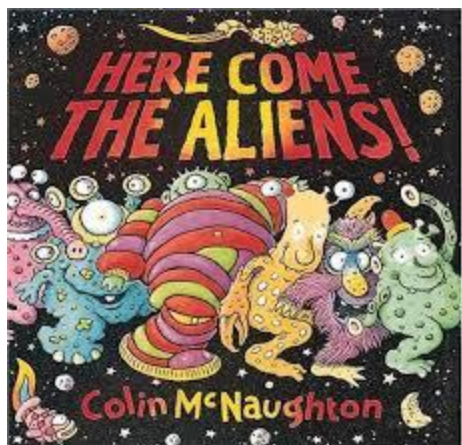


Here come the Aliens!

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Here Come the Aliens is a humorous story with striking illustrations. It tells the story of an imminent alien invasion abandoned at the eleventh hour when the invaders discover how shocking and scary human life, in the form of young children, can be.

This picture book has a very strong rhythm, rhyming language and a chorus which will encourage children to join in with the reading

when you re read the story with your child.

Reading the book

When you re read the story **encourage your child to join in with the chorus** 'The aliens are coming'. They might like to complete the rhymes as well eg:

'They've boldly been where we've not been;

They are blue and purple and sickly'

Talking about the book

Talk about the aliens:

- Which is your favourite alien?
- Which one is the scariest?
- Which is the ugliest?

Why were the aliens scared of the photograph of children?

Talk about the rhyming words and encourage your child to try to spot them and ways they look the same with usually only one or two different letters eg 'lunch' and 'munch' or 'been' and 'green'

Story play

Pretend to be an alien, if you have face paints paint your child's face 'blue or purple or sickly green.' Can your child sound like an alien and make up alien words or squeaks to communicate with you?

Create a makeshift alien spaceship out of cardboard or blankets over a couple of chairs so that your child can imagine being an alien on the way to earth.

Things to do and make

Make a zigzag book of aliens, with pictures on each page and a name for each one. Your child could choose to draw the aliens in the book or design some of their own.

Make an alien out of brightly coloured playdough or plasticine. Add arms or antennae with pipe cleaners and dried pea eyes. Make up a name for your alien.

Write a note as if you are the alien commander to earth to say you are about to invade.