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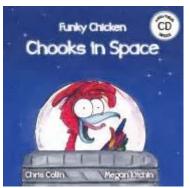
Picture Story

Teacher Notes and Activities

Funky Chicken: Chooks in Space

By Chris Collin Publisher: Funky Books ISBN 9780987450791 \$24.95

Climb aboard for a funky space voyage of epic proportions! Could Funky Chook's dream on a hot lazy day, turn into a trip to the great Milky Way? Hang on to your spacesuits and join our feathered hero in his search for inter-galactic funkiness!! This title comes with an amazing CD of the narrated story to music plus the song 'Chooks in Space'. It is not only an audio CD - play it through any computer and watch this awesomely funky space story spring to life as a visual slideshow of the book itself plus the song which plays as a lyric slideshow!



Themes:

- Exploring
- Determination
- Home
- Following your dreams
- Belonging

Discussion Points:

- Why do you think that Funky Chicken went into space?
- What was he looking for? Did he really need to go to space?
- 'He was in such a hurry to find the next place, that something fell off, drifting out into space.' How many, and what, things fell off along the way?
- What did you have to have to live on planet Grotz?
- The planets in the story all have unusual names. As a class, think up as many crazy names as you can.
- What did Funky Chicken realise once he got back to the farm?
- 'There's no place like home.' Describe what makes your home special to you.

Activities:

- Make your own pretend miniature rocket from 'odds and ends' that you can find.
- Listen and watch the audio/visual CD. A copy of the words are attached.
- Complete the Funky Chicken 'word search' and the 'funky words' sheets that are included for you.