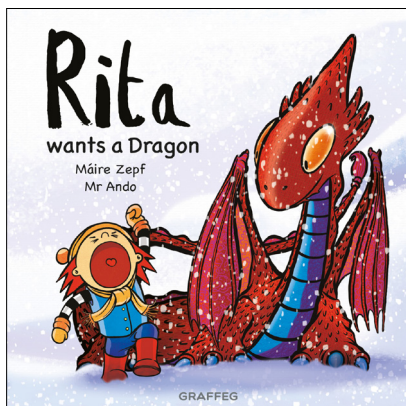


Rita series

Rita wants a Dragon



Author: Máire Zepf
Illustrator: Andrew Whitson
Age: 3-5
Format: Paperback
Language: English
Size: 250 x 250mm
Price: £7.99

Vocabulary

Dragon
Roar
Stomping
Breathing
Thrash
Shudder
Cool

Front cover

Discussion

Who do you see on the cover?

What do we call this creature?

Let's read the title.

The name of the author and the illustrator is on the cover.

What time of year is it?

Activities

Look for books and objects that have dragons on/in them.



Inside spread

Discussion

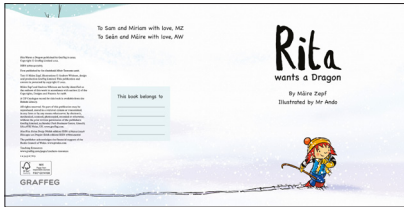
What do you see?

How many trees can you count?

Activities

Look at the trees outside – how do they compare?

Make bark rubbings or place Play-Doh on the bark to make imprints.



Dedication

Discussion

This book is dedicated to Sam and Miriam and Sean and Maire.

What would you dedicate to a friend?

Activities

Create a snowy white world in the water trough.



Pages 4 & 5

Discussion

What can you see?

Is he bigger than Rita?

Describe the snowman.

Activities

Look for other snow and ice sculptures on YouTube.



Pages 6 & 7

Discussion

Oh no! What's happened?

Do you like sledging?

Who has ruined the snowman?

Activities

Play a slide the bean bag into the hoop game in the hall.



Pages 8 & 9

Discussion

How is everyone feeling in the picture?

Why?

Activities

Talk about feelings and make a collage from magazine pictures – happy, sad, angry etc.



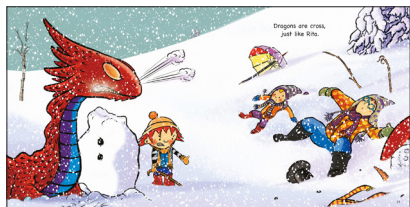
Pages 10 & 11

Discussion

What is on the left side of the book?

What is on the right-hand side?

What name would you give the dragon?



Pages 12 & 13

Discussion

Does the dragon look happy?

How does Mum look?

Would you be happy if you saw a dragon?

Activities

Play Simon Says – look sad, happy, excited.



Pages 14 & 15

Discussion

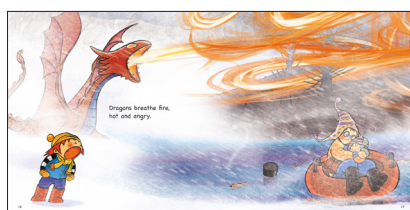
The dragon is roaring.

Would that be a quiet or a loud noise?

Make sounds like different animals.

Activities

Learn a song about a dragon.



Pages 16 & 17

Discussion

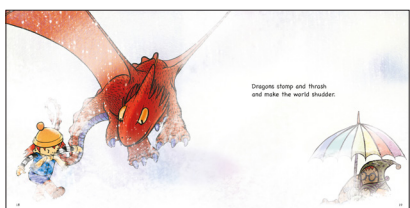
Can you see the flames?

Flames are fire – it is dangerous.

How would you feel now?

Activities

Create paintings using flame colours.



Pages 18 & 19

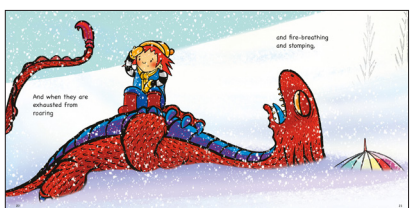
Discussion

The dragon is stomping.

What other creatures and animals stomp?

Activities

Practice different movements like dragons and dinosaurs.



Pages 20 & 21

Discussion

What is wrong with the dragon?

Is he unwell? Is he tired?

Activities

Play word games – I'm happy when...

I'm frightened when...

Or a circle time activity.



Pages 22, 23, 24 & 25

Discussion

Would you like to fly?
Where would you go if you could fly?

Activities

Pretend you are the wind and tell your story of where you have been today.



Pages 26 & 27

Discussion

Can you see the stars in the sky?
Where is Rita?
Where are they going?

Activities

Listen to day and night sounds and try to name them.



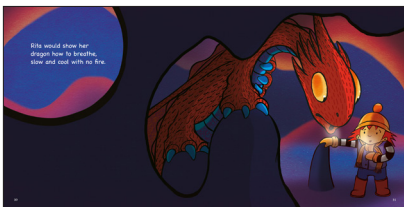
Pages 28 & 29

Discussion

What has Rita found?

Activities

Create a reading cave indoors or outdoors to enjoy reading books.



Pages 30 & 31

Discussion

They are in the cave.
What do they need?
How do you light your room at home?

Activities

Investigate lights – when and where do we use them?



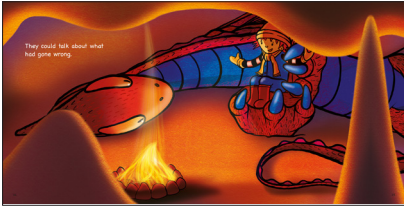
Pages 32 & 33

Discussion

The dragon has made a fire to keep warm.
What else do we use to keep warm?

Activities

Invite the fire service to talk to the children about their work and safety.



Pages 34 & 35

Discussion

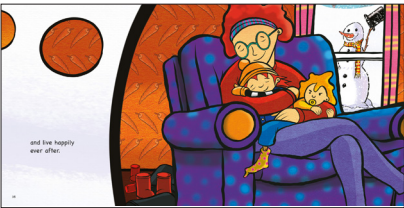
Would you like to make a den?
What would you do inside?



Pages 36 & 37

Discussion

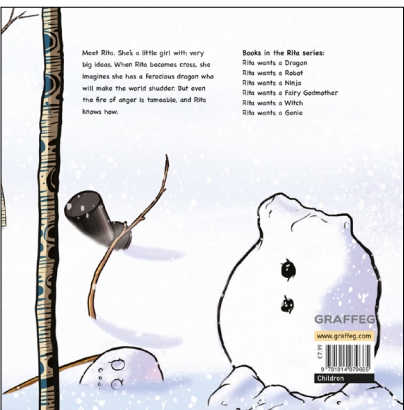
How does it feel to have a *cwtsh*/cuddle?
Whose cuddles are the best?



Pages 38 & 39

Discussion

Who does Rita enjoy cuddling?
Who else can you see in the picture?



Back cover

Discussion

What can you see on the back cover?
The blurb is a short description of the story.
What else can you see?

Activities

Look for other books Graffeg have published and create a display.

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