Dave the Digisaur

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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO RUBY, RILEY, SORA AND THE BELOVED DIGI GROUP

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THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:

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One lovely, sunny morning Dave the Digisaur was catching up with his friends online. He was chatting to his friend Riley, when Ruby came over to find out what he was up to.
Ruby was confused why Dave was talking to himself. ‘Dave are you okay?’ asked Ruby.
'Yeah, I'm just chatting to Riley' replied Dave. Ruby peered over Dave's shoulder and was surprised to see Riley through the screen.
‘Wow that’s so cool!’ exclaimed Ruby, 'I want to be able to do that too.' ‘Well, you can do it too’ says Dave.
'All you need is a device to get on the internet, like a phone, laptop or tablet, and adults should help you access one if you can't afford it or don't know how to use it.'
Did you know that all the rights we have in everyday life also apply online? These are called our digital rights.
Ruby was surprised as no-one had ever told her about their rights online.
She decided to ask Dave, ‘Can you tell me more about my rights? Oh, and we could invite everyone over so that they can learn too?’
‘That’s a great idea!’ Dave said excitedly. ‘Okay, I’ll message people I know and trust to meet us by the tree in ten minutes. - So that we are safe and meeting in private.’
‘Once everyone was at the tree, Dave said, ‘Hi everyone and welcome to Dave’s Digital Discussion.’ ‘Today you are going to learn all about our digital rights.’
‘Riley is going to join us online, as he isn't able to be here in-person today. It's his first time using a video call, so he's using his right to learn new digital skills and take part in new online learning experiences.’
'Okay, so the first right we have is the right to play. This also applies in the online world, meaning we have the right to play and connect with our friends and family online - so we can enjoy our right to family life.'
'We also have the right to be protected from harm.' says Dave. 'This means that if something was to happen online that made you worry, you must be supported by an adult that you trust, or a helpline. They have to listen to you if you have a problem, and help you fix it.'
'This links to your right to have your say and be listened to' said Dave. 'In the digital world, this means you should be able to say what you think. Remember dinos, you mustn't spread hate online!'
'Riley asked, I have a disability, and want to find out more about it. Can my rights help me do that?' Dave exclaimed 'Yes! We all have the right to access information online, and health information must be accurate and services should be private. Depending on your disability, there should be other support available like text or voice support.'
'Dave finished up his discussion by saying 'We have a lot more rights than that but this gives you a start to learning about them. Does anyone have any questions?'
'Sora then said 'Thank you Dave! But how would I learn about my rights?'
You're welcome Sora. To learn more about your rights look them up online, ask a trusted adult about them or check out the back of this book.
Click here to find out more about your digital rights as a child.