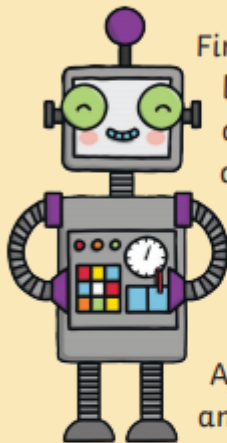


Diary of an Astronaut

Monday 23rd June 2079, 9.15 p.m.

Dear diary,

It is day 149 of my space mission. I am missing Earth a lot today, especially trees and gravity! But even though I am homesick, I know I must continue on my important mission.



First, I woke up and put on my special space suit. It is a bit lonely on the spacecraft so next, I talked to my computer and some of the robots who help me. Sadly, they just aren't the same as people!

Then, I tested some of the rocks I had collected the other day on Saturn's moons. They are very interesting, but I will have to wait a long time for the results.

After that, I drove the spacecraft around and looked at the amazing view. There really is nothing like seeing planets from space, the colours are incredible. The most exciting thing I saw was what looked like a flying saucer zooming past one of the spacecraft windows. I was sure I saw two aliens inside but I must be imagining things!

For dinner I ate some freeze-dried food. It doesn't look great but it tastes OK. One more day of my mission done. I hope it's not too long until I return to Earth!



Bob the astronaut