

MARS



Mars is called *The Red Planet*. You can see it in the night sky as a red dot. If you know where to look. It is covered in red dust and rocks. Mars is not the same as Earth. It has some air, but there is not enough for you to breathe. It has no plants, trees or animals. It has two small moons that go around it.

Like Earth, there are **ice caps** at the north and the south poles. This shows that there is some water on Mars. Where there is water, there could be life! Some day people might go to Mars and they will find out more. ■

CHECK-UP

- 1 What is Mars also called?
- 2 Why do you think it is called that?
- 3 How is Mars different to Earth?
- 4 In what way is it like Earth?
- 5 Do you think that people will go to Mars some day?