Ebb and Flo series

Ebb and Flo and the Baby Seal

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Vocabulary
Seal
Pitter patter
Waves
Rockpools
Lost
Rowed

Front cover
Discussion
What can you see on the cover.
The title of the book.
The author & illustrator’s name.
What animals can you see?

Activities
Find out about seals.
Where do they live?
Are there any in Wales?
What do they eat?

Inside spread
Discussion
Discuss the pictures and information if appropriate.
Who is following Ebb?
Where do you think they are going?
Pages 4 & 5
Discussion
Ebb is looking out of the window.
What shape is it?
What is the weather like in the picture?
Activities
Make a lift-the-flap book of different shaped windows with something behind each one eg a picture, a joke etc.

Pages 6 & 7
Discussion
Flo is busy.
What is she doing?
What do you like painting?
Ebb is making a noise – what is he doing?
Activities
Play a sounds game.
Record sounds and play them one by one – the children draw or write the name of the thing making the sound.

Pages 8 & 9
Discussion
Ebb goes to ask someone else to play. Who is on the water?
Mum is busy too. What is she doing?
Activities
Learn about busy bees and worker ants. Watch a video of them busily working.

Pages 10 & 11
Discussion
Ebb goes back to listen to the rain. What else could he hear?
What did you think was making that sound?
Activities
Make shaking musical instruments and play use them to accompany some singing.
**Pages 12 & 13**

**Discussion**

Here is the baby seal.

Have you seen a real seal? Where?

What did Ebb and the baby seal do?

**Activities**

Hide plastic sea animals in the sand tray for the children to discover and count.

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**Pages 14 & 15**

**Discussion**

Ebb and the seal are in the water, racing the waves.

Do you think they are having fun?

What do you play when you go to the beach?

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**Pages 16 & 17**

**Discussion**

Ebb was heading home, but what happened?

I wonder why the seal didn’t go home?

**Activities**

Learn about animals and their homes – match up the animal to its home.

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**Pages 18 & 19**

**Discussion**

Ebb was worried – what did he do next?

Have you helped someone or something find their way home?

**Activities**

Collect a basket of objects from in and around the classroom, then ask each child to choose then put the item back where it belongs.

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**Pages 20 & 21**

**Discussion**

Mum and Flo came to help.

They knew what to do.

What would you have done to make the seal feel better?
**Pages 22 & 23**

**Discussion**
Can you see them walking?
Who was first in the line? Who was last?

**Activities**
Play following the leader games outdoors – go under, over and around objects.

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**Pages 24 & 25**

**Discussion**
Where is everyone now?
Ebb and Flo are in the boat and Mum and the baby seal are in the water.

**Activities**
Learn some songs about sailing or about pirates.

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**Pages 26 & 27**

**Discussion**
Can you see where they are going?
How many seals can you count on the rock?

**Activities**
Make rock characters and place them around the outdoor space or garden.

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**Pages 28 & 29**

**Discussion**
How do you think Mum and Flo are feeling?
Do they look worried?

**Activities**
Make seals out of handprints for a display.

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**Pages 30 & 31**

**Discussion**
What was making the noise – was it the baby seal’s mother?
Pages 32 & 33
Discussion
The baby seal and his mother are playing.
What is your favourite thing to play with your family?
Activities
Create paired paintings using a blue and green background decorated with fish, crabs, seaweed etc.

Pages 34 & 35
Discussion
Ssh, Ebb is fast asleep – what is he dreaming about?

Back Cover
Discussion
What can you see on the back cover?
The blurb is there – this gives you a short version of the story.
Discuss the other information on the back cover.
Activities
Listen to ‘the aquarium’ from carnival of the animals [Saint Saens] during a meditation session to relax.

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