Ebb and Flo series

Ebb and Flo and the Greedy Gulls

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Age: 3-7
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Language: English
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Vocabulary
Greedy
Sulked
Drifted
Blamed

Front cover
Discussion
What can you see on the cover?
The name of the author and illustrator – what is her name?
Have you been on a picnic? Where? With whom?

Activities
Prepare for a picnic.
Make a list of all the things you’ll need to do in preparation.

Inside spread
Discussion
Talk about the text and picture on these pages.
Discuss the place to put your name – why would you do that?

Activities
Think about the different places that have your name or objects with your name on them.
Make a name plate for your bedroom door.

Pages 4 & 5
Discussion
Where are Ebb & Flo today?
What is Ebb looking at?
What sounds do you think they can hear?

Activities
Play a bingo sounds game.
Pages 6 & 7
Discussion
What can Ebb smell?
What do you think it smells like?
How many birds can you count on these pages?
Activities
Make a list of different smells and place them in the correct places (hoops) eg fish & chips – seaside, soap – bathroom.

Pages 8 & 9
Discussion
Now what is Ebb doing?
What can you see on the plates?
Which would you eat first?

Pages 10 & 11
Discussion
Oh no! What has happened now?
Did you know that seagulls liked eating picnics too?
Activities
Make a scare-seagull object similar to a scarecrow but for the beach.

Pages 12 & 13
Discussion
Flo thinks that Ebb has eaten the picnic.
Do you think he’s feeling happy now, or sad?
How would you feel if you were blamed for something you didn’t do?

Pages 14 & 15
Discussion
What are the naughty gulls doing?
Are they being kind?
Activities
Make a wanted or missing poster.
Pages 16 & 17
Discussion
Where did Ebb go?
Discuss fairness and how some things are not fair in stories.
Activities
Collect a basket of stories that deal with the theme of fairness.
Play a fairness game – read a scenario to the children and they vote fair or unfair.

Pages 18 & 19
Discussion
What's happening now?
The tide is beginning to rise and swell.

Pages 20 & 21
Discussion
Now Mum and Flo can see who had eaten the food.
Do you think they were angry?
Have you felt angry? When?
Activities
Make some bird feeders for outdoors.

Pages 22 & 23
Discussion
What has happened now?
Ebb is on his own in the boat.
What can we do to help him?
Activities
Learn about the RNLI and lifeboats – go on a visit to a lifeboat centre.

Pages 24, 25, 26 & 27
Discussion
What can you see in this picture?
What are the waves doing?
Activities
Paint stormy sea pictures or play instruments to accompany stormy music.
Pages 28 & 29
Discussion
Oh no, poor Ebb, he’s falling out of the boat.

Pages 30 & 31
Discussion
Flo is looking everywhere for Ebb.  
How is she feeling now?

Pages 32 & 33
Discussion
Flo found him on the sand.  
What did he have on his nose?
Activities
Go on a litter pick at the beach.

Pages 34 & 35
Discussion
What do you see here?  
Where are they now?
Activities
Make some boats from paper and recycled materials to sail in the water trough.

Back Cover
Discussion
Talk about the information on the back cover.  
Explain the ISBN number.
Activities
Go on a ISBN hunt or a barcode hunt around the classroom/school or a home activity.

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