Ebb and Flo series
Ebb and Flo and the Sea Monster

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Vocabulary
Monster
Nudged
Tide
Marooned
Shelter
Owls
Curlews

Front cover
Discussion
What do you see on the cover?
Is there anything interesting?
Whose name is written on it? It is the author & illustrator’s name.
What are they doing?

Activities
Go on a beach visit and create sea monsters from sand or make little monsters in the sand tray.

Inside spread
Discussion
What can we find out on these pages?
[Tell the children about the information].

Activities
Ask the children questions about things they are interested in and create a question wall to investigate & find out.
**Pages 4 & 5**

**Discussion**
Who is reading the newspaper?
What is Ebb doing?
What colours can you see in this picture?

**Activities**
Look at newspaper stories and create a story about your class visit (scribe/type for the children).

**Pages 6 & 7**

**Discussion**
What is Ebb doing with his ball?
Oh no! The ball has gone?

**Activities**
Play different ball games and experiment with moving the ball in different ways eg bouncing, rolling, throwing & catching etc

**Pages 8 & 9**

**Discussion**
Who are in this picture?
What are they all looking at?
Is Ebb ready to go home?

**Activities**
Finding, discovering, unwrapping – think of activities where the children need to look for or find objects – perhaps pieces of a jigsaw.

**Pages 10 & 11**

**Discussion**
Where are they going now?
What has Granny given them?
What do you think is inside the basket?
We’ll find out later on.

**Activities**
Learn what is in the shopping basket song. Place items in the basket pass it round the circle when you sing let us look and see. A child takes an item out and everyone sings the name of the item.
Pages 12 & 13
Discussion
Ebb is playing with the ball, should he do that in the boat?
Oh dear, the ball is in the water.
Now they are stuck.

Pages 14 & 15
Discussion
They are marooned – that means stuck away from everyone else.
What do you think they should do now?
Activities
If you were marooned who would you want to be with – circle time sharing activity.

Pages 16 & 17
Discussion
They decided to stay on the island.
What is an island? A piece of land surrounded by water.
Activities
Look at islands on a globe, learn about one of them.

Pages 18 & 19
Discussion
Were you right about what was in the basket?
Do you like sausages and hot chocolate?

Pages 20 & 21
Discussion
What did they do before going to sleep?
What do you do before going to bed?
Activities
Play sorting and ordering games (first, then, next, lastly).

Pages 22 & 23
Discussion
Where are Ebb & Flo?
Have you slept in a tent? How did it feel?
Activities
Build shelters outdoors in pairs from different materials.
Pages 24 & 25
Discussion
What happened to Ebb’s ball?
What do you think was making the shadow?
Activities
Watch some videos of shadow puppets on YouTube – now try to make some.

Pages 26 & 27
Discussion
What could be making the shadow?
Can you remember what Granny was reading about in the newspaper?
How do you think they were feeling?

Pages 28 & 29
Discussion
It was getting bigger as it got closer.
What did Flo think it was?
Activities
Create funny monsters using handprints and googly eyes.

Pages 30 & 31
Discussion
Who came into the shelter?
The bird with Ebb’s ball.
How were they feeling now?

Pages 32 & 33
Discussion
Ssshh, they all fell asleep under the stars.
Activities
Look at pictures and paintings of stars – try to create some original ones.

Pages 34 & 35
Discussion
In the morning the tide came in and they all went home.
But look... what’s in the water?
**Back Cover**

**Discussion**

What can you see on the back cover?

The name of the publisher, GRAFFEG.

Do we have any other books by GRAFFEG? Collect them into a basket and enjoy other stories together.

**Activities**

Create a class fiction book – bring objects and pictures to help the children think of ideas, then in pairs they write a page for the book – place it in the reading area.

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