Molly series

Molly and the Lighthouse

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**Front cover**

**Discussion**
Discuss the author and the illustrator what are their names? What do they do?
What can you see on the cover?
What is a lighthouse?
What is its job?

**Activities**
Make a lighthouse from recycled materials.

**Inside spread**

**Discussion**
How many lighthouses can you see?
How are they similar?
How are they different?

**Activities**
Create a pairs game – lighthouses, characters from the books.

**Double page**

**Discussion**
What is this box for {name}?
Who is in the picture?
What time of day is it?
How do you know?

**Activities**
Find out about boats – coracle, canoe, ship.
Pages 2 & 3
Discussion
What was Molly’s favourite thing?
Count to 17.
What is on Molly’s shelf?
What is at the bottom of the bed – I wonder what is in it?
Activities
Create lighthouse borders to place around the displays.

Pages 4 & 5
Discussion
Oh no! what has happened?
What sort of light does Molly have?
Activities
Create a list of all the different types of lights you can think of and what are they for?

Pages 6 & 7
Discussion
Can you remember what the lighthouse is for?
Why were Molly and Dylan worried?
Activities
Go for a light walk to see how many different types of lights you can see.

Pages 8 & 9
Discussion
What was Molly’s Mum’s idea?
Where did Molly and Dylan want to go?
Who did they want to see?

Pages 10 & 11
Discussion
What is the weather like in the picture?
What season is it?
Would you like to be out in the dark in that weather?
Pages 12 & 13
Discussion
What shape are the stairs?
Count to 100 in tens.
What has happened to the light?
Activities
Create spiral paintings or cut out spirals to hang like mobiles.

Pages 14 & 15
Discussion
Can you see the boat?
Dangerous
How do you think Molly and Dylan will relight the lighthouse?
Activities
Talk about sizes and opposites:
Tall – short
Hot – cold
Night – day

Pages 16 & 17
Discussion
What has happened to Old Jamesie?
Which lever do you think is the right one?

Pages 18 & 19
Discussion
What else uses leavers?
Trains and cars
Activities
Experiment with lightboxes – shadows.

Pages 20 & 21
Discussion
Who was the first to pull the lever?
The second? Next?
How many were pulling?
Activities
Compare to 'The enormous turnip' story.
Pages 22 & 23
Discussion
Did they manage to fix it?
Oh no! What has happened to Molly?

Pages 24 & 25
Discussion
Dylan ran back down the stairs. Where was he going?

Pages 26 & 27
Discussion
Molly is fine – hurray!
Who came with mum?
What bag has nurse Ellen brought?
Activities
Learn about different bags and boxes and what they are for.

Pages 28 & 29
Discussion
What do we need to do when we are unwell?
Relax – how do you relax?
Activities
Mindfulness activities.

Pages 30 & 31
Discussion
Who has arrived back?
What is on the quay?

Pages 32 & 33
Discussion
Who is peeping out of the bed?
Let’s count to 17 one of us at a time.

Inner double page
Discussion
Information about the author and illustrator – facts about lighthouses.
Back cover

Discussion
What can you see on the cover?
Can you remember what a blurb is?
What else is on the back?
ISBN number – what does that mean?
Who has published / printed the book?

Activities
Find out about celebrations where light is important.

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