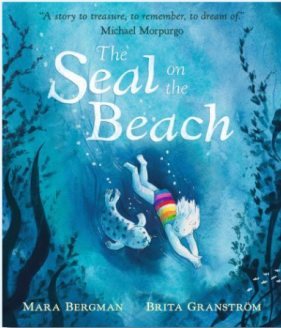


The Seal on the Beach

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BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

On a walk across the wild Norfolk shoreline, Maggie finds a seal pup stranded on the beach, all alone. She is the sweetest thing Maggie has ever seen. But without her mum, how will the seal survive?



OUR THOUGHTS

"Beautifully illustrated and moving tale, perfectly capturing the young girl's hopes and fears as well a summer holiday. Lovely to share one-to-one."



THEMES:

- Families
- Seals
- Holidays
- Seaside
- Health

TIME TO TALK

- 1 What did Maggie enjoy the most about being near the sea? Which seaside holiday have you enjoyed the most and why?
- 2 What would cause a town to 'slip into the sea?' What dangers do people face who live too close to the sea?
- 3 How do you know that Maggie is missing her mum? Where is she getting her support from during this difficult time? How important is family support during challenging times?
- 4 How is Maggie's situation similar to the seals situation? Why is Maggie so keen to see the seal saved?
- 5 Maggie woke up early and went to see the seal on her own. Was she right to do this? What dangers could she have faced? Why didn't she tell her aunt and uncle?
- 6 How does the story encourage readers to develop empathy for animals and people in difficult situations? Can you think of a time when you helped someone or some animal? How did it make you feel?
- 7 How can we help to protect animals like the seal in our own environment?
- 8 How is the ending of the story similar for both Maggie the child and Maggie the seal?

TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

