Year 1 and Year 2 writing





Reading



This is a story about a lonely boy who finds and rescues a whale that has been washed up on the beach. It explores the dilemma between a developing strong friendship and the consequences of what may happen when his father finds the whale in their home. The book touches on the challenges of singleparenting and ultimately celebrates the redemptive power of love. It could also be used to discuss issues around animal welfare.



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The Owl and the Pussy-cat is a classic children's poem first published in 1871 as part of Edward Lear's book *Nonsense Songs, Stories, Botany and Alphabets.* The poem tells of a love between Owl and Pussy-cat and their purchase of a ring from a pig and subsequent marriage with a turkey presiding over the proceedings. It is a nonsense poem clearly set in a fantasy world. The charming language, rhyme and imagery continue to appeal to readers today.



This is an anthology of the retelling of thirty of Aesop's fables. The stories are all accompanied with illustrations. The fables are organised around the themes of pride, greed, friendship, retorts, comeuppance, cunning, trickery and quarrels. Each of the fables conveys a moral with a message about how to behave towards others. *The Boy who Cried Wolf* focuses on the lesson that no one will believe someone who lies a lot, even when they are telling the truth.



