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## Book Tip Sheet

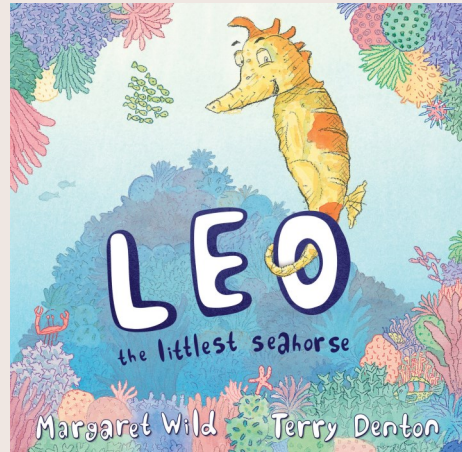
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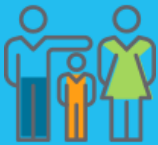
### **Leo the Littlest Seahorse**

**Margaret Wild and Terry Denton**

This colourful book brings the reader under the sea to meet Potbelly, Polly and Leo the littlest seahorse of all! Leo is still learning some of his skills while the other 100 seahorses seem to be able to do so much. Leo starts to think about what he can't do but then he learns that he has some very special skills of his own!



### **BEFORE READING...**



- ▶ Read the title with your child as you move your finger from left to right under the text. Notice how 'Leo' and 'littlest' both begin with the /l/ sound. Think of more words beginning with the /l/ sound.
- ▶ Talk about the front cover of the book together and comment that this book's main character is a seahorse called Leo. Take turns to predict or talk about what might happen in the story.

### **WHILE READING...**



- ▶ Choose a page to retell what has happened in the text. Use words such as 'first', 'next' and 'last' to help put order on the events. See if your child would like to have a go too.
- ▶ How do you think Leo felt when he wasn't able to do the same actions as the other seahorses? Talk about times when you might have had these feelings and what helped you.

### **AFTER READING...**



- ▶ Make connections between the new words you read in the book and your child's everyday life to help build their understanding and create ways for them to use these words with others.
- ▶ Seahorses have many special talents—list some of these that you read about in the story. Take turns for you and your child to share what talents you each have that makes you special and unique.

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