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Teacher Notes and Activities

Little Chelone - A Turtle's Journey

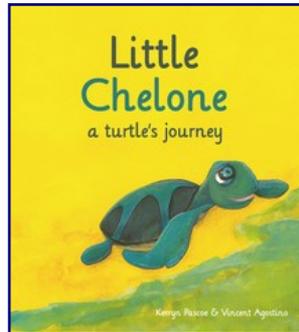
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Unlike his brothers and sisters, Little Chelone does not want to leave the safety and warmth of his egg. Aided by the soothing call of his siblings, Little Chelone finds the courage to begin his journey out to sea. However, it is not without danger as Little Chelone catches the eye of a hungry Seagull. Little Chelone must reach the ocean before the seagull reaches him. Will he make it in time?



Teacher notes have been taken from those supplied by the publishers, Windy Hollow Books.

Discussion Points & Activities:

Before Reading:

- What do you already know about turtles? What do you think the turtle's journey might be?
- Why do you think the author has used the name Chelone? (*Hint for teachers* - Chelone was a woman in Greek mythology who was turned into a turtle by the gods, and is also a type of plant known as a 'turtlehead').

After Reading:

- What do you think are the main themes of this book?
- What information have you discovered about turtles that you didn't already know?

Writing:

- How might the story sound if it was told from the perspective of one of Little Chelone's brothers or sisters?
- How would it sound from the perspective of the seagull?
- What happens next? Continue the story once Little Chelone makes it to the water.

Activities for younger readers:

- Dig for 'turtle eggs' in the sandpit.
- What kind of tracks would the turtle make in the sand? Make tracks and patterns in the sand using different plastic animals.
- Make your own turtle using plastic bowls for the shell and cut out the rest of the body pieced from paper.

Further research:

- Map where in Australia sea turtles may be found.
- What can you find out about the different types of Sea Turtles?
- Draw a diagram of the life cycle of a Sea Turtle.
- Are there types of Sea Turtles that are endangered? Why do you think they may be threatened?
- Design a poster with information about how turtles are being threatened and how people might help.