Stories are a great way to share worries and talk about feelings. 'Don’t Worry Little Crab' is a lovely seaside story to watch together – you could talk about what it was little crab was worried about and why. Perhaps there are things your child didn’t want to do at first that now they really enjoy. Have they ever had to be a bit brave to try something new?

Watch the Snail and the Whale on BBC iplayer and read the book if you have a copy. Talk about all of the places the snail sails to with the whale. Your child can draw and write a postcard home to the other snails using this template. For more ideas, visit Love My Books.

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