

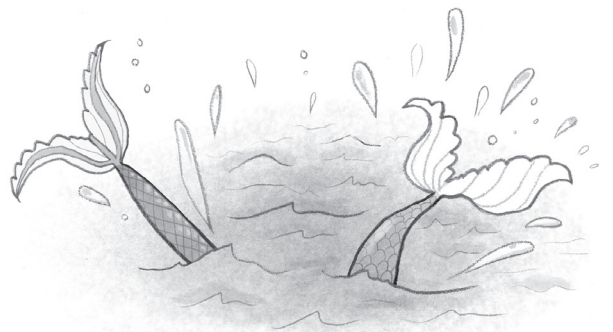
# MERMAID SCHOOL

## Telling Tails

Marnie Blue's class at Lady Sealia Foam's Mermaid School are holding a cake sale to raise money for their school trip to the Mermaid Lagoon castle. Aunt Christabel says she'll help Marnie, Pearl and Orla to bake some special treats to sell. On a new sheet of paper write a story about what happens.

### Think about:

- ★ What they might decide to make, is it mermaid or castle-themed?
- ★ Where does the recipe come from?
- ★ Who do you think would be good at baking, and who might be a bit of a disaster in the kitchen?
- ★ Do you think being underwater might cause problems for baking? How might Marnie and her friends solve these problems?
- ★ Read pages 39-40 of *Mermaid School*, about Marnie's mum making dinner, to give you some ideas.



### Top story writing tips:

- ① Plan what will happen at the beginning of the story, some exciting action for the middle, and an ending to tie it all together
- ① Use words like 'First', 'Then', 'Next', 'However' and 'Finally' to move your story along
- ① Describe things so that readers can imagine what's happening – think about what the characters can see, hear, taste and smell
- ① Draw some pictures to help tell your story
- ① Think of a fun title for your story

