

## **The Baby Dragon-Tamer** by Jan Fearnley

### **Quick questions to share with your group**

- How would you describe the dragon?
- Do you think that the dragon is frightening?
- Why isn't the baby frightened of the dragon?
- Did the book make you laugh? What did you find funny about it?
- What does the dragon learn at the end of the story?

### **Picture perfect**

This beautiful picture book is packed full of detailed spreads. Look at them carefully with small groups of children and discuss what they can see. Can they tell when the dragon starts to change? How can they tell by the picture? Does the baby like the dragon? How do they know?

### **Fearsome dragons**

The dragon in Jan Fearnley's book starts off pretty scary but readers soon realise that he's not all that bad. Ask the children to draw a dragon who is very scary. Talk about what he might look like before they start drawing and encourage them to make their pictures as colourful as possible – just like Jan's. If you're feeling experimental then why not help them to make a dragon collage instead?

### **Personal treasures**

Look at how the baby becomes the dragon's treasure and discuss this with the children. Then ask them to suggest what they treasure – is it people or possessions? You could even encourage them to bring in a photograph of their treasured person or item, and add them to a very special wall display.

