For Dad – oceans of love – C.H.

For Podrick, Pawel, Luther and Otis,
the four legged explorers who kept me
company on this adventure! – B.W.

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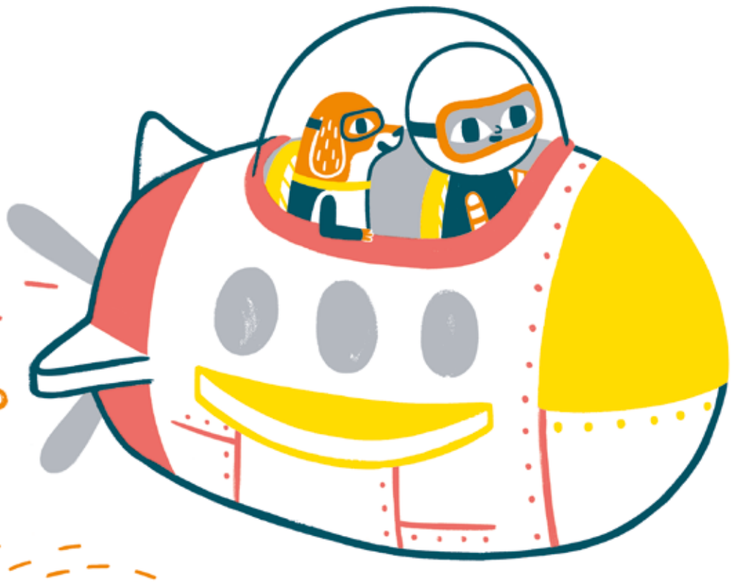
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Have you ever been down to the seaside
where the waves splash and CRASH to and fro?
Or peeped over the edge of a jetty
at the sea life that wriggles below?

Well, you might be surprised to discover
that so much of our planet is sea
and, within it, live millions of creatures
that are beautiful, strange, wild and free.

So . . .

Let's dive through a world full of mystery
and go visit the oceans and seas
on a submarine epic adventure . . .

all aboard –
take your seats if you please!

Brrrr! I'm the cold **ARCTIC OCEAN**.
I'm **f-freezing** – and, look, so are you!
In my waters swim **narwhals** and **walrus**,
And these friendly **beluga whales** too!

Giant **jellyfish** float near my surface,
furry **polar bears** pad on my ice.
and I might be the world's SMALLEST ocean –
but I think being little's quite nice.

I'm the breezy **ATLANTIC**, you've found me –
a VAST ocean of winds and of waves.
And d'you know? I have **mountains** below me,
and hundreds of undersea **caves.**

Sparkling diamonds hide down in my sea bed,
silver **swordfish** and **salmon** swim free.
And while swishing around in the sea grass,
you might spot the odd wild **manatee!**