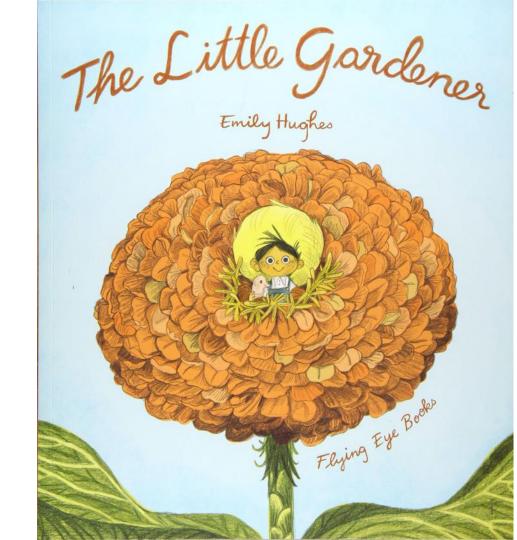
Book Quiz & PSHE

The Little Gardener by Emily Hughes



Listen to Mrs Davies read the first part of the story.....



This was the garden. It didn't look like much,



Why doesn't the garden look good? Look carefully. Does anything live here?

But it meant everything to its gardener



What do you notice about the gardener? Can you describe him?

Why does the garden mean everything to him?

It was his home. It was his supper.



How can the garden be his supper?

It was his joy.



If the garden is so ugly and dying how can it be his joy?

Only he wasn't much good at gardening. It wasn't that he didn't work hard.



If you work hard at something does it matter that you are not good at it (yet)?

He worked hard, very, very hard. He was just too little.

Is he really too little to be a gardener?

Or do you think he feels that the job is just too big for him?



But there was one thing that did blossom in his garden.

What does blossom mean?

A- flower

B - grow

C - hide

What do you think it is going to be?



It was a flower. It was alive and wonderful. It gave the gardener hope and it made him work even harder.

He had managed to grow one thing.

Why did the flower give him hope?



He worked hard all morning. He worked hard all afternoon.

When have you worked hard at something? Did you get better at it?



He worked all night.

How do you think he feels now? Why?



Still the garden was dying.



Why do you think the garden is dying? What does it need?

He would have no home. He would have no supper. He would have no joy.

How do you think he feels now? Why?



One night feeling tired and sad he made a wish.

What do you think he wished for?

- A- That his garden doesn't die
- B- That someone helps him.

C- That he becomes a better gardener?



Now listen to Mrs Davies read the rest of the story....



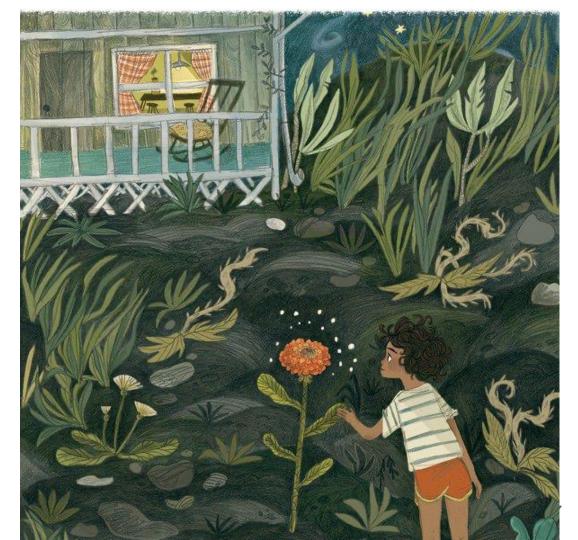
No one heard his little voice, but someone saw his flower.

Who has seen his flower?

Where did she come from?

Is she a human?

Do you think the Little Gardener is human?



It was alive and wonderful. It gave the someone hope. It made someone want to work harder.



Why did it want to make her work harder?

The next day the gardener was weary and slept the whole day. He slept the whole week. He slept the whole month.

What does weary mean?

A- bored

B- tired

C - sad

Use clues from the text!



And when he finally awoke, it had just been long enough for something to change.



What has changed? How has it changed? Why did it need time to change?





Who is sitting on the chair on the porch of the house?

This is the house where the author lives. Do you notice anything?

This is the garden now. And this is the gardener.



How do you think he feels now?

He doesn't look like much, but he means everything to his garden.

How do you think he feels now? Why?



Theme - what does this book make you think about?

Do you think the theme of this book is.

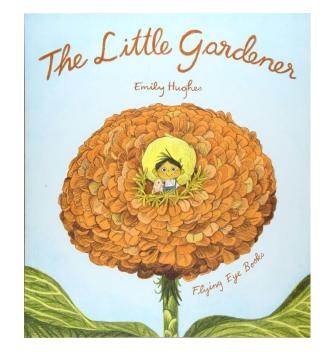
A-Persevering

B- Helping people

C - Hope

D- How to be a gardener.

E-All or some of these!



Discussion:

Can you think of a time when, even though you have had to work hard to achieve something you still needed help?

Who helped you?

Were they a superhero?



You can also listen to the story on Milkshake.

