

Florette

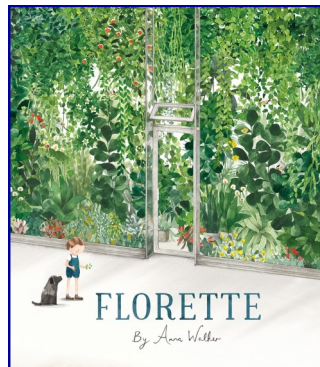
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When Mae has to move house from the country to the city, she feels lonely and sad - until she discovers a beautiful place full of green in the centre of Paris. What she finds there sparks something special and beautiful that will make her feel much more at home.



Themes:

- Country Life
- City Life
- Gardens
- Moving House

Discussion Questions:

- What did Mae want to take with her when she moved to the city? Why do you think she wanted this?
- What did Mae miss when she moved house?
- Have you ever moved to a new house that was in a different area from where you lived? If so, what did you miss the most about where you came from? What did you like best about the new area you moved to?
- Mae tried hard to recreate the things she missed. Can you recall what she did to try and make her feel like she was still at her old house?
- How do you think Mae felt when she got to the park that was 'filled with tiny stones and empty chairs'? What do you think she was expecting to find?
- What things do you find at your favourite park?
- How did Mae discover the 'Florette' garden? Why do you think it was there and why do you think it was closed?
- Why do you think Mae took the piece of the forest home?
- Do you think she ever imagined her garden would grow so much?

Activities:

- Mae created her own 'box' garden. As a class, create your own. Draw or paint on each box something that reminds you of garden and outside life.
- Make a poster showing a list of 'pros' and 'cons' of living in the city and in the country.
- Encourage your students to create their own 'garden' at home by planting a variety of plants or seedlings in small jars. Once the gardens have grown, the students can bring a photo of their garden into class to create your own class 'garden photo wall'.