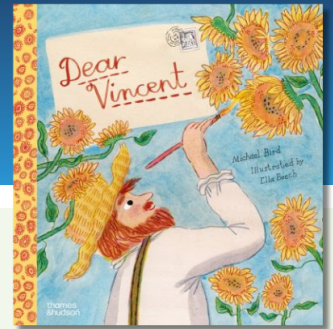




BOOK TALK CARDS



THEMES:

- Artists • Art • Letters
- Brothers • Sunflowers

Dear Vincent

by Michael Bird and Ella Beech

Vincent is fed up with life in the grey city, but things are about to change! With the support of his loving brother Theo, Vincent sets off on a journey to the 'Sunny South'. There he will discover new and inspiring places and make new friends. But will he be able to paint the picture of his dreams?



OUR THOUGHTS

"All pretty idealised and cheery but could be useful as topic support for this artist and illustrations are attractive."

TIME TO TALK

- 1 Vincent is a talented artist and enjoys painting, but why do you think nobody wants to buy his work?
- 2 Vincent's bag doesn't shut so he takes out his toothbrush and socks. If you were going on holiday and your suitcase didn't shut, what would you take out and why?
- 3 How do you think Vincent felt when he got to his holiday destination and there was no sun? Have you been excited to go on holiday and then been disappointed once you got there?
- 4 In what ways is Theo a good brother to Vincent? How do your siblings look out for you?
- 5 What things must the postman not do whilst he is sitting for a portrait?
- 6 Vincent keeps saying that he wants to paint the picture of his dreams. What picture of your dreams would you most like to paint? Who would you give it to and why?
- 7 Do you agree with the comments that the people made about Vincent's pictures? Were the colours too colourful? What advice would you give to Vincent so that his paintings could get sold?
- 8 What do you think the little girl liked about Vincent's paintings? Have you ever liked a painting that no-one else has? Is it okay to have your own opinion about something?



TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

