

Suggested activities based on 'The Secret Garden'

Literacy Activities

- Retell the story from Colin's point of view.
- Think of other names for the manor.
- Create a postcard from Mary (when she arrives at the manor) to a friend.
- Write a sequel to the story
- Talk to your partner or someone at home about this story- did you enjoy it? Try to explain why you liked it or not.
- Who is your favourite character in the book?
- Vocabulary- find out what these words mean- manor, gleamed, wander

Science

- In your school garden, at home or in the park take a walk around really focus on the plants, trees and shrubs you can see. How many of them can you name?

SPHE

- Discuss how life is for someone confined to a wheel chair.
- Discuss the feelings each character experiences during the story.
- In the story friendship changed Mary and

Colin for the better think about how we can make and keep friends. Record your ideas.

Art

- Draw a picture of your secret garden, including flowers, trees, animals, insects, remember the season etc.
- The drawings in this edition of the book are splendid. Watch the video again and then draw/paint, some of the plants, you like.

History

- Discuss how life was different for children, in times gone by.
- Find out what a walled garden is and what kind of house would be most likely to have one.

Geography

- This book is set in the north of England find it on a map.
- Watch the Movie, 'The Secret Garden'.