



Dogger by Shirley Hughes

Blurb: Dogger is Dave's special toy. He is soft, brown and worn in places, with one ear pointing up and the other flopping down. One day, after collecting his big sister Bella from school, watching the flags go up for the summer fair and enjoying ice-cream on the way home, Dave realises that Dogger is missing. The whole family searches for him, but Dogger is nowhere to be found. Dave is subdued when they visit the fair the following day, until remarkably he spots Dogger for sale on a toy stall. However he is devastated when his beloved toy is sold to another child, but a selfless act of kindness from Bella ensures that all ends well.

Miss Hodgkinson's book review: Shirley Hughes is a must for all children. As a girl, I remember reading this heart-warming picture book at school and I still love it today! Dogger is a wonderful story about how much children love their toys and how siblings can sometimes save the day. I have such fond memories of this book that I was delighted to be able to share it with my Year 2 class. I think my favourite part of the book has to be the relationship between Dave and his sister. No sibling relationship is perfect (as most of us will know) but Dave's sister does the most lovely thing in this book which reminds us of the importance of kindness and love.

Age recommendation - 3-7