

EYFS OUTSIDE LEARNING PROJECT FACT SHEET

USING THE LOCAL LIBRARY (3 – 5 age range)



Key activities:

- Making planned trips to the library that include an environmental walk
- Mapping the library walk
- Choosing fiction and non-fiction books linked to topics and children's current needs and interests
- Developing children's interest in books by talking with them about what they are choosing
- Developing parental awareness of the value of the local library and selecting favourite authors and reading books with children

Extracts from the new statutory educational programmes that can be also be developed through regular library visits:

Communication and language: Reading frequently to children, and engaging them actively in stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems, and then providing them with extensive opportunities to use and embed new words in a range of contexts, will give children the opportunity to thrive.

Literacy: It is crucial for children to develop a life-long love of reading. Reading consists of two dimensions: language comprehension and word reading. Language comprehension (necessary for both reading and writing) starts from birth. It only develops when adults talk with children about the world around them and the books (stories and non-fiction) they read with them, and enjoy rhymes, poems and songs together.

Understanding the world: Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and

range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world.

Books:

On the journey to the local library:

To Market, to Market, by A Ravishankar

Bloom by A Booth

Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems

Naughty Bus by Jand J Oke

The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers

At the library:

Lulu loves the Library by Anna McQuinn

Luna loves Library Day by J Coelho

The Bookworm by Debi Gliori

Useful websites:

School visits to the library: <https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/libraries/library-events/whats-children-and-young-adults-our-libraries>

Videos:

Cookie Monster in the library:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3ZHPJT2Kp4>

The library song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dq-cHtWJPPy>

Lola at the Library: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucICF_uP71c

Local community provision:

All new born babies that are registered in the local area will automatically be given their very own library card:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/libraries/using-library/my-first-library-card>

Find your local library: <https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/libraries/find-your-library>

Hammersmith and Fulham's libraries:

Askew Road library W12 9AS

Avonmore library and neighbourhood centre W14 8TG

Fulham library SW6 5NX

Hammersmith library W6 7AT

Hurlingham Academy school and community library SW6 3ED

Shepherds Bush library W12 7BF