

Exploring the Wider World Project - children's books

The following list represents a selection of texts that you might choose to use with the children in your care to help explore the 'wider world', following their interests and provocations. The list is not exhaustive and will be updated with similarly appropriate texts over the course of the project: if you have any suggestions for suitable additions, please send them to the Project Lead, Caroline Eaton, via caroline@early-education.org.uk



Books about towns and the local area

- *What I Like: Where I Live* by Liz Lennon
- *In the Town All Year Round* by Rotraut Suzanne Berner
- *Look and Say What You See in the Town* by Sebastien Braun
- *My First Busy Town: Let's Get Going* by DK
- *Alphabet Street* by Jonathan Emmett and Ingela P Arrhenius

Books about trips to parks, woods and the countryside

- *Off to the Park* by Stephen Cheetham
- *Shark in the Park* by Nick Sharratt
- *The Wild Woods* by Simon James
- *Woodland Sounds* by Sam Taplin
- *ABC: A Walk in the Countryside* by Rosalind Beardshaw

Books about libraries, museums and galleries

- *Maisy Goes to the Museum* by Lucy Cousins
- *Maisy Goes to the Library* by Lucy Cousins
- *Lulu Loves the Library* by Anna McQuinn and Rosalind Beardsley
- *Katie's Picture Show* by James Mayhew

Books about farms

- *Peep Inside the Farm* by Anna Milbourne
- *A Visit to City Farm* by Verna Williams and Karin Littlewood
- *Look and Say What You See on the Farm* by Sebastien Braun
- *Spot Goes to the Farm* by Eric Hill

Books about vehicles and transport

- *Things That Go* by Christiane Engel
- *Things That Go* by Neiko Ng
- *Toot Toot Beep Beep* by Emma Garcia
- *The Life of a Car* by Susan Steggall
- *Wheels at Work: City* by Cocoretto
- *Wheels at Work: Emergency* by Cocoretto
- *The Bus is for Us* by Michael Rosen and Gillian Tyler
- *On My Scooter* by Dick Bruna
- *Oi! Get Off Our Train* by John Burningham
- *That's Not My Truck* by Fiona Watt
- *That's Not My Train* by Fiona Watt

Books about construction

- *The Diggers are Coming!* by Susan Steggall
- *Wheels at Work: Construction* by Cocoretto

Books about canals

- *Snowy* by Berlie Doherty and Keith Bowen

Books about nature and the environment

- *My First Nature Let's Go Exploring* by DK
- *A First Book of Nature* by Nicola Davies
- *Tidy* by Emily Gravett
- *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle

Books about animals and minibeasts

- *First Facts: Bugs* by Penelope Arlon & DK
- *Counting Birds* by Alice Melvin
- *The Cat and the Bird* by Geraldine Elschner
- *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle
- *The Bad-Tempered Ladybird* by Eric Carle
- *Frog and the Birdsong* by Max Velthuijs
- *Mad about Minibeasts* by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz

Books about working lives

- *My First Busy Jobs Let's Go To Work* by DK
- *Busy People: Firefighter* by Lucy M George and Ando Twin
- *Busy People: Librarian* by Lucy M George and Ando Twin
- *Busy People: Builder* by Lucy M George and Ando Twin

Books about art, drawing and clay

- *Mud Book* by John Cage
- *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds
- *This Way, That Way* by Antonio Ladrillo
- *Frida Kahlo and her Animalitos* by Monica Brown
- *Beautiful Oops!* By Barney Saltzberg
- *Snail Trail* by Jo Saxton

Books about the seasons

- *Spring* by Ailie Busby
- *Summer* by Ailie Busby
- *Autumn* by Ailie Busby
- *Winter* by Ailie Busby
- *Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go* by Patricia Hegarty and Britta Teckentrup
- *My Tree and Me: A Book of Seasons* by Jo Witek and Christine Roussey
- *First Facts: Seasons* by DK

Books about weather

- *Rain* by Carol Thompson
- *Wind* by Carol Thompson
- *Sun* by Carol Thompson
- *Snow* by Carol Thompson
- *Sun* by Sam Usher
- *Rain* by Sam Usher
- *Storm* by Sam Usher
- *Snow by Sam Usher*
- *Maisy's Wonderful Weather Book* by Lucy Cousins

Books with an intergenerational theme

- *Wilson Gordon Macdonald Partridge* by Fox Mem

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