



Out to Play CPD Workshop – Further Reading & Resource List

Stories (In age appropriate order)

- The work of Eric Carle, including ‘The Tiny Seed’ and the classic ‘The Hungry Caterpillar’
 - Fantastic illustrations and sources for early learning.
- ‘Maisy Grows a Garden’ by Lucy Cousins
 - Great familiar character embarks on a nature creating adventure.
- ‘The Great Kapok Tree’ and ‘A River Ran Wild’ by Lynne Cherry.
 - There are strong environmental themes in these brilliant picture books.
- ‘Just So Stories’ by Rudyard Kipling
 - Classic short tales of how animals came to be the way they are. A great resource for further creative activities.
- ‘The Rabbits’ by Shaun Tan
 - The story of colonialism told as never before, with beautiful illustrations by one of the finest contemporary children’s writers.
- ‘Brother Eagle, Sister Sky’ by Chief Seattle
 - Powerful indigenous wisdom about our interconnectedness with beautiful illustrations.
- ‘Grimm Tales: For Young and Old’ by Philip Pullman
 - The richest retelling of Grimm’s classic tales for older primary and beyond.
- Fireside Tales of the Traveller Children by Duncan Williamson
 - An exceptional collection of stories by one of the last Scottish travelling storytellers.
- ‘Folk Tales of the British Isles’ edited by Michael Foss
 - Highly recommended stories journeying from giants to warriors and everything in between. Written with warmth and clarity.
- ‘Earthtales: Storytelling in Times of Change’ by Elida Gersie
 - A fantastic source for traditional nature wisdom tales from around the world, with stellar introductions and workshop ideas.
- ‘Tatterhood and other Tales’ Edited by Ethel Johnston Phelps
 - Brilliant stories selected for their empowered female protagonists.

Storytelling

- The Storytellers Way by Ashley Ramsden and Sue Hollingsworth



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- A great introduction into the craft of storytelling from teachers at the International School of Storytelling
- The Village Storytelling Centre
 - Pollok based contemporary storytelling short-courses and events - really worth checking out:
<http://www.villagestorytelling.org.uk/>

Drama/Games/Activities

- ‘What Will We Play Today? Drama, Movement and Music Arts Games for Children Aged 0-5 Years’ by V Larkin and L Suthers
 - 100 games and activities to use Drama, Movement and Music in your setting.
- ‘The Little Book of Role Play’ by Sally Featherstone
 - Ideas for developing Role Play and Learning in various areas and settings.
- Games for Actors and Non-Actors by Augusto Boal
 - A fantastic sourcebook for working with adults, easily adapted for primary age. Particularly useful approaches to working with images.
- Structuring Drama Work by Jonothan Neelands and Tony Goode
 - A handbook of available forms/drama conventions for use in theatre and drama lessons – enables leaders to plan a well-structured workshop with a wide range of conventions.
- ‘The Frantic Assembly Book of Devising Theatre’
 - For older classes looking to explore devised or physical theatre.

Nature Connection / Approaches

- ‘Coyote’s Guide to Connecting with Nature’
 - THE source book for learning in nature with people of all ages. From philosophy to activities and everything in between. Very highly recommended.
- ‘I Love my World’ by Chris Holland



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- A fantastic resource for creative exercises in nature, from creating raps for woodland navigation to how to make a den. Best for schools with access to some wild areas but easily adaptable to the most concrete of starting points!
- 'Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder' by Richard Louv
 - Research in the need for children to spend time in nature for health and wellbeing.
- 'A Little Guide to Trees' by Charlotte Voake
 - Beautifully illustrated guide for children to identify
- 'Bringing the Froebel Approach to your Early Years Practice (Bringing ... to your Early Years Practice)' by Helen Tovey
 - A comprehensive guide to Froebel theories on the importance of play and Early Years.

Further Inspiration

- Looking for nature/outdoor learning activities on Pinterest can be helpful.
- Researching history of your local area
- Exploring cultures and heritages linked to your setting and further afield
- Asking families to share their favourite stories
- The Complete Book of Flower Fairies by Cicely Mary Barker – this is a beautiful book with lovely images of fairies in nature and poems for storytelling inspiration. E.g. the Beechnut Fairy, the Hawthorn Fairy, the Apple Blossom Fairy, and it has fairies for all seasons and types of tree, flower fruit or berry. This is a great source of inspiration for thinking up your own mini stories to tell either in the playground or on walks with children and for responding to what you see in the moment in nature around you. 'Look – the Beechnut Fairy is nearby – I can see her little hat', and together you could tell little stories about what the fairies have been up to that day, for example. Particularly great with younger nursery children.