

## Using “Where did the river go?” with parents and pupils

We’ve come up with a selection of ideas for you to use “Where did the river go?” in and out of school with parents and pupils. You can be as flexible with this as you wish, but do ensure that parents are signposted to **learndirect** centres if appropriate. You can find your nearest centre by visiting [www.wheredidtherivergo.co.uk](http://www.wheredidtherivergo.co.uk)



- **Parent workshop:** Introduce “Where did the river go?” via a parent workshop in order to familiarise parents with the layout and workings of the book. Send the book home with them.
- **Breakfast club:** If you already hold a breakfast club at school then encouraging parents to stay with their child rather than dropping them off may be an opportunity to introduce the book.
- **In class:** Using the books as a stimulus, you could use our maths and Literacy lesson notes to engage pupils with the book. It could be sent home with the whole class as a homework activity.
- **Book of the week:** If your school has a Book of the Week, why not use “Where did the river go?” across the school? You might want to run an assembly and even invite parents.
- **Part of ELS / ALS / FLS support:** Pupils could take “Where did the river go?” home after particular session at school and encouraged to read with their parents at home.
- **Direct to parents:** Give out at parents or curriculum evenings or at Parent Support Adviser sessions.
- **Hold a “Read together” event at school:** This could be hosted by **learndirect** staff and held at school. Let National Schools Partnership know if this is something your school is interested in and we may be able to help set it up.
- **Library resource:** Use the book as a reference in your library so pupils can take it home if they wish.
- **Run a ‘Jackanory’ session** with pupils and parents in school to introduce them to the book.

