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Co-op fund provides new opportunities for children to learn about rivers

The generosity of customers and staff at co-op stores in Reading will give local schoolchildren an exciting opportunity to get out and about and learn about Reading's rivers and all the wildlife that lives in them.

Action for the River Kennet's director, Charlotte Hitchmough said 'The project will focus on the River Kennet and its tributaries and is available to schools throughout Reading. We are extremely grateful to the Co-op Local Community Fund for raising such a magnificent sum of money, which will pay for children to take part in activities in the classroom and on the river bank to learn about their local rivers. We know that children get a huge benefit both in terms of curriculum learning, but also improvements in wellbeing from having fun outside enjoying the beautiful wild spaces right on their doorsteps'.

Activities on offer include looking after trout and eels in the classroom whilst learning about their lifecycle and habitats; and River Schools, which are outdoors, so children can explore the wildlife in their local river or stream.

The activities are run by a professional education officer employed by Action for the River Kennet and ARK are inviting bookings for the Spring and Summer terms. Sessions can be tailored sessions to suit Primary or Secondary students.

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Photos: Action for the River Kennet students by river and in the classroom (files attached).

