

To support our unit of learning about imagery in poetry, Year 5 visited the National Poetry Library on the Southbank.



Year 5's trip to the NATIONAL POETRY LIBRARY

Next, we were led around the Southbank Centre to collect ideas for a poem in response to the environment. We were very inspired by the view of the River Thames and the iconic London sights, which we saw from the balcony of the Royal Festival hall.

Then, we were able to explore the collection by reading and listening to some poetry. Lots of us enjoyed hearing a recording of Benjamin Zephaniah reading 'Lillie on a Diet'. It was very funny and reminded us that poetry is at its best when it's performed!

The National Poetry Library is in the Southbank Centre. We started our visit with a tour of the library. We were impressed to learn that the library is home to all UK poetry published since 1912 – that's over 200,000 items!



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Once we returned to the library, we used our ideas to create our poems. Some of us even performed them to the class!