

Life on Earth

English:

Using the curated book 'Animalium' by Katie Scott and Jenny Broom, the children will be analysing the language, writing styles, and presentation.

There will be a focus punctuation and understanding and using a range of clauses. Children are expected in year 5 to use commas, apostrophes and dashes - these skills will be worked on during this unit.

The children will then be writing their own descriptions about animals and how we can change our behaviour to help them using the skills they have developed over the unit of work.

Children will have daily English skills sessions with a strong focus on spelling accuracy, as well as handwriting and grammar. Spellings tests will be on a Monday.

Science

The children will be describing the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. As well as this, they will be describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. A visit to Paignton Zoo will reinforce our learning of living things and help us understand how we can support with conserving their future life cycles and protecting them from extinction.

Save the bees

As part of this unit, we have also decided it is important to include a more local issue that the children can become personally involved in. 'Save the bees' is a nationwide campaign focusing upon human impact on the environment- more specifically the bee's habitat. Within our science, we will discover ways in which we can support the bees in our local area.

Our Challenge: How can we educate others to understand their impact on plants and animals?

Outcome: To create an educational wildlife information handout to promote the protection of our animals, which will be shared with the zoo.



Homework task: The children will be researching ways in which they can save the bees, which will then be posted onto seesaw and sent to Paignton Zoo.

Other subjects: In maths, we have been focusing on place value and rounding and are currently learning about multiplying and dividing by powers of ten, which we will continue to reinforce over the coming weeks. PE - please make sure that your child's P.E. kit is in school all week as P.E. sessions will vary. 5HW will continue to have PE on a Wednesday as well as swimming on Fridays. 5LW will also have PE on Wednesday and another session on Friday mornings. 5LW will continue with their French studies, where they are practising their French speech.