



Year 4—Spring 2 Topic Overview

This half term, our topic is: All Creatures Great and Small. Through our learning in science, we will be focusing on how we classify living things in the local and wider environment. Alongside this, we will be recognising how environments can change and how this poses a threat to living things. All of this learning will be very useful and built upon even further when we visit Stubbington Study Centre.



Mrs Husselbee and Miss Barrett

All Creatures Great and Small

Reading	Writing	Maths
We will be continuing our challenge of reading the shortlisted books for the HIBA (Hampshire Information Book Awards) and judging them before voting for our favourite. We will then explore The Beetle Collector's Handbook where we will be focusing on our different VIPER reading skills.	We will begin by studying the poem "Green Candle". We will look at the rhythm and pacing of the poem and make inferences before writing our own poems with speech. We will then move on to writing a persuasive text about the importance of saving the bees.	In this half term, we will be focusing on fractions and then completing our unit with decimal exploration. We will also be continuing our daily practising of times tables.
Geography	PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education)	Computing
This half term, we are going to be exploring tundra biomes, with a particular focus on the ice caps. We will be exploring the link between our changing climate and how this impacts our different tundra biomes.	This half term the theme is 'Happy and Healthy Me!' This will involve recognising how we are all unique, the choices that we make and how we can look after our community and the environment around us.	In our computing unit, we will be exploring branching databases and how we can plan, create, structure and present an efficient branching database.
French	Games and PE	Music
In French, our topic will be 'My Family'. We will be practising important phrases and acknowledging different ways to introduce family members using French vocabulary and	In Games, we will be developing our netball skills. In our PE lessons, we will be working on improving our fitness.	Throughout the year in Year 4, we will have lessons run by Hampshire music called 'Listen to Me'. This half term we will be continuing to learn the keyboard.
Science	RE (Religious Education)	Art
In science, we will be learning about animal classification and recognising how animal's habitats can change and how this poses a threat to their existence.	Our concept in RE is symbol; we will be learning about how different crosses have different meanings within Christianity.	In art, we will be learning about how to create prints. They will be creating monoprints with pastels and experimenting with subtractive mono print too.

Key Dates:

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day

WB 10th March—British Science Week

Tuesday 25th March—Winner of HIBA announced

Monday 31st March—Wednesday 2nd June Stubbington Study Centre Residential

PE Days (please wear PE kit on these days): **Beech** - Monday and Wednesday **Pine**—Tuesday and Wednesday

Homework reminders:

Spelling - your child will bring their spelling Homework home on a Monday. These will be practised in school ready for a test every **Friday**. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home too.

Reading - x3 weekly

Times Table Rockstars - x3 weekly

Times Tables - your child will be provided with a weekly learning task to complete based around the multiplication table of focus that week.

(Hand out: Friday Due: Thursday)

Completion of homework tasks/extra reading/TTRS/spelling practise will be rewarded accordingly with effort marks and house points.