



Living Things and Their Habitats and Italy Today

Year 4 Reading List Summer 1

Book	Author	Blurb
<i>The Variety of Life</i>	<i>Nicola Davies & Lorna Scobie</i>	This is a large and beautifully illustrated compendium celebrating the diversity of life on our planet. Each double page spread features a different type of animal, such as penguins or bears, and after an introductory paragraph presents a variety of different species with watercolour illustrations and interesting facts. This is an essential classroom book for the topic of animal variation.
<i>The White Giraffe</i>	<i>Lauren St John</i>	This is the first novel in Lauren St John's popular series. When a young English girl called Martine moves to live with her grandmother on a South African game reserve, she finds herself feeling lonely and isolated. One night she sees a mysterious silver giraffe and as she begins to befriend it, a thrilling mystery begins to unravel.
<i>Creature Features</i>	<i>Natasha Durley</i>	A bold and colourful non-fiction book with a high visual appeal. This non-fiction text emphasises both the amazing diversity and commonality between different species of animals. Each double-page spread displays animals united by a common feature, from horns to long necks to big ears. A great way to get children thinking about adaptation and variation in the animal kingdom.
<i>Disappearing Acts: A Search-and-Find Book of Endangered Animals</i>	<i>Isabella Bunnell</i>	This is an engaging way for children to think about the topic of animals becoming endangered. Each page features a different habitat and readers are challenged to search through the beautiful illustrations to find the endangered animals listed at the side. Accompanying the illustrations there is information about each endangered species.
<i>When the Mountains Roared</i>	<i>Jess Butterworth</i>	The story follows Ruby, a twelve-year-old girl animal lover who moves with her family from their Australian home to a remote mountain village in India to run a hotel. Unimpressed when she arrives in her new home, Ruby does manage to find some things to like about the foreign setting. Jess Butterworth's descriptions of the mountain landscape are beautiful and evocative as nature-lover Ruby takes in the new smells, colours and wildlife of the Himalayan habitat. Ruby sets out on a mission to protect the few remaining leopards there from the threat of poachers.
<i>Kids' Travel Guide - Italy: The fun way to discover Italy - especially for kids</i>	<i>Shiela H. Leo</i>	Florence, Venice, Tuscany, Rome ... Whichever city or part of Italy your family plans to visit, make sure you have the <i>Kids' Travel Guide — Italy</i> . A unique travel guide and activity book in one, it's the fun way to discover Italy.