Informational and Nonfiction Recommendations

BOOKS

A Tree Is a Plant by Clyde Robert Bulla

Warm, inviting illustrations guide this book, cataloguing different kinds of trees and the biology of the trees in your neighborhood. It is easy to make this book interactive, exploring the trees outside your house.

A Weed Is a Flower: The Life of George Washington Carver by Aliki

A moving account of this great man's life, this book is a quality biography to introduce kids to the genre. The elegant paintings are packed with emotion, giving the quiet prose power.

President Taft Is Stuck in the Bath by Mac Barnett

This book tackles a legendary story about one of our presidents, but it also teaches kids about our political structure and history.

Water, Water Everywhere by Cynthia Overbeck Bix

Stunning photographs of nature mixed with easy-to-read facts about water. The prose swims with the beautiful cadence of the ocean. Children of many different ages can learn from this book.

APPS & DIGITAL RESOURCES

Rounds: Parker Penguin by Nosy Crow

A whimsical look at the biological life cycle of a penguin, this app takes your child careening through a beautiful icy world.

Ansel and Clair: Little Green Island

This addictive game introduces children to the science of ecology, giving them a chance to build a completely green and ecologically sound community on a desert island.

Reading Rainbow App

The classic TV show has a digital home with a diverse, educational, and entertaining selection of eBooks. The app also includes educational videos as host LeVar Burton tours interesting locations from the insides of a submarine to the White house to a remote island.