

YEAR 4

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

ENGLISH

English this month focused on reading non-fiction texts. Through our readings about insects, vampire bats, and blue whales, students learned about topic and conclusion sentences, tone, and the importance of titles. We also started weekly spelling lists that are grouped by vowel sounds. During April, we did spelling lists for long A, E, and I vowel sounds.

MATH

Miss Pam came in and worked with Year 4 on multiplication. She introduced an activity called Circles and Stars, where students learn how addition and multiplication are related. Year 4 also learned what data is and how to create graphs from data sets.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies this month was all about furthering our knowledge of maps and geography. We learned how to plot coordinates on grids and examined two very important lines that can be found on both globes and flat world maps: the equator and the prime meridian.

Year 4 learned how the equator and the prime meridian split the world into the northern, southern, eastern, and western hemispheres and looked at which continents can be found in one or more of them! We also dipped our toes into longitude and latitude, talking about the invisible vertical and horizontal lines that cover the Earth.

SCIENCE

Year 4 continued working with plants during April. We learned about the five key stages of the life cycle of flowering plants. We examined how plants go from seeds and transform into adult plants by watching the process happen through time lapse videos. Year 4 also learned how flowering plants get their seeds out into the world via a process called seed dispersal, where plants use animals, the wind, and water to disperse seeds. But how do plants make those seeds? That's what Year 4 started to find out when we started looking at the process of pollination last week!

PSHE

PSHE in April focused on the power of words. Through hands-on activities, Year 4 discussed what happens when we use negative words with ourselves or our classmates and how negative words can harm others on the inside rather than the outside.