

Year Five  
**Monthly**



**THE CAPACITY TO LEARN IS A  
GIFT; THE ABILITY TO LEARN IS  
A SKILL; THE WILLINGNESS TO  
LEARN IS A CHOICE.**

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### Social Studies

In Social Studies, we have focused on expanding our ocean and continent knowledge. We have sailed across the Pacific Ocean with Ferdinand Magellan and we then set off on a voyage across the Atlantic Ocean to learn more about the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle.

Did you know?

- The Pacific Ocean is the biggest ocean of the world and covers more than 30% of the Earth's surface.
- The deepest known area of the Earth's oceans is known as the Mariana Trench. Its deepest point measures 11km. That's a long dive down!

### English

English this month focused on exploring examples of recounts. We analyzed the nature and organization of the information that is included in these texts. After analyzing several examples, we set out to write our own summer vacation recount!

In grammar, we focused on learning the past and future tense of regular and irregular verbs.

Quiz time!

Can the year five students tell me which of the verbs I should use in the sentence below?

I **see/saw** a good movie last night.



## Math

In Math, year 5 has continued to work on strategies to develop their number sense. Multiplication was introduced with a fun activity called Circles and Stars.

Other contents covered throughout the month included equivalent fractions, data management, coordinates and decimals!

## Science

In Science, we have continued working to improve our understanding of the three states of matter. We have also analyzed the functions of our skeletal system. During Earth week, we took a closer look at the different layers of the Earth, focusing on the mantle and the crust. In the last week of April, we began learning about plants and animals, focusing on their ecosystems.

Fun fact:

- All living organisms need millions of other living organisms to survive. How these organisms interact with the sun, soil, water, air and each other in a specific area is called an ecosystem.

## PSHE

In PSHE we have worked on learning more about ourselves and the people around us. In our “All about Me” unit, we have explored what makes us happy and reflected on how grateful we are!

We have also carried out a learning self-assessment in order to determine which aspects we need to work on to become even better learners!

## Upcoming Events

### Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

- Mother's Day

### Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

- Family Math Night

### Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

- Navy Day Holiday  
(No School)