

YEAR 4

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

ENGLISH

We started March off by discussing the importance of main ideas and supporting details when reading. We found main ideas and supporting details in two different types of stories: a historical fiction story from *Anne of Green Gables* and a non-fiction report based on bugs.

We also studied what makes a noun a noun and the relationship they have with adjectives.

SCIENCE

March was all about plants! As a group we first went outside and looked at the different plants that are all around TIPS. We looked at flowers, trees, and bushes. We examined a plant so that everyone could touch and feel the roots, stem, and leaves. Then we learned what those parts do to help plants survive.

We also learned how plants make their food through photosynthesis. We did an experiment with a carrot and ginger to see if they could still be affected by photosynthesis.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies this month focused on expanding our knowledge about the 7 continents and 5 oceans. Not only can we name all 7 continents and 5 oceans, but we also learned how those continents were once one huge land mass and how they got where they are today. We also discussed cardinal directions (north, south, east, and west) and ordinal directions (northeast, northwest, southeast, southwest). We combined our knowledge of both concepts to look at a map of the Earth and say where in relation each continent was to one another. (For example, Oceania is southeast of Asia)

MATH

In math we looked at subtracting and adding two digit numbers using mental math. We also learned how to round up to the nearest 10, 100, and three digit numbers. Students dipped their toes into multiplication with Miss Pam by learning about grouping numbers as a stepping-stone to multiplication.

PSHE

PSHE in March focused on learning the characteristics of the growth mindset and the importance of challenging ourselves and never giving up. We also took the time to write about ourselves in an activity where each student wrote 5 positive traits or adjectives to describe themselves.