



# Combe Martin School



## Year 5 and 6 Newsletter, Summer Term 2022

Welcome back to school and we hope you all had a fantastic Easter holiday. The children have settled back in to their learning well and we have a full and exciting term of events ahead. The organisation of the two classes will continue in the same way as last term with Mr Guyler teaching Year 6 and Mrs Peters teaching Year 5 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. With Mrs Vickery now on maternity leave, Mrs Morris will teach Year 5 on Thursdays and Fridays. We are also very lucky to continue to have our music specialist, Mrs Mortlock teaching both classes once a week.

**Character Education:** We will be continuing our work on character, thinking about how to become inspiring change makers. The children are able to talk confidently about their character development, reflecting on our character virtues and we hope you have started to notice this at home too. If there are times when you notice your children using character virtues please let their class teacher know and we will celebrate them in school! We will be exploring different character virtues throughout the term starting with **courtesy, curiosity and cooperation**.

We have weekly assemblies on Monday mornings linked to our virtues and there are opportunities for the children to explore the themes further within class too. On Fridays, we have our Celebration Assembly where we celebrate those children who have been caught using character virtues during the week! We encourage the children to nominate children from their class or other year groups.

**Topic:** Our topic for this term is 'Groundbreaking Greeks.' This project teaches the children about developments and changes over six periods of ancient Greek history, focusing on the city of Athens in the Classical age and exploring the lasting legacy of ancient Greece. We will share a knowledge organiser with you on dojo. Please read this with your child as it will give a detailed overview of the learning we will cover this term. We will also add a topic web to Dojo to outline all areas of learning we will be covering this term.



**English:** We will be covering a range of text types in our English work, including Poetry, Fiction and Non-Fiction, some of this will be linked to our topic. We will continue to learn model texts and hope that the children can share their learning with you at home by showing you the texts we learn with actions. This approach to the teaching of writing is one which we use throughout the school and its main objective is that when the children learn texts they are more able to use and adapt the language of the learnt text in their own writing. We have been pleased with the results of this approach and we can see the impact it is having on the children's writing. As well as reading their independent reading books that they bring home, children will be participating in regular group reading sessions lead by a teacher.



**Maths:** The children will be working on a range of mathematics this term. We will continue to revisit the learning which we have already covered during the autumn and spring terms on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division. One way in which we give the children practise of these skills is in our morning activities before registration so it is important that the children arrive at school on time. You can continue to support your child by practising maths at home, using numbers in many situations, for example, telling the time, counting, money and learning times tables.

By Year 5, the children should be confident in all their times tables and their related division facts up to 12x12. If your child is not yet fluent, why not try some of these times table games at home?

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/> <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

**SATs week:** Year 6 will complete their SATs exams from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, ending on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. The children have been working very hard in preparation for these and the papers will be as follows:

- **9.5.22:** Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
- **10.5.22:** Reading
- **11.5.22:** Maths, paper 1: arithmetic and paper 2: reasoning
- **12.5.22:** Maths, paper 3: reasoning

All children from Year 6 are invited in to school at **8.20am** this week for a SATs breakfast in the hall.

**PE:** We will continue to have PE run by our PE specialist, Mr Poole on Mondays. Please ensure that the children wear their PE kits to school on that day. The children's PE kit should include: appropriate trainers, black shorts/jogging bottoms, white T-shirt, sweatshirts and a clean pair of socks. A thin windproof coat is also useful because even though it is the summer, we cannot rely on good weather! Please make sure that your child's name is in all their kit.

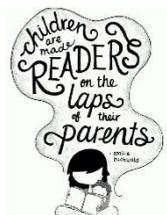


Turn it off and  
**READ A BOOK**



**Reading:** As you know, at Combe Martin we place a huge value on the importance of reading and we thank you for your support with this. Reading is an essential life skill which underpins all our work at school. It is a school expectation that all children read at home **daily** whether that be independently or with an adult or sibling. It is worth remembering that this reading can take many forms – for example, looking at a magazine or newspaper together, finding something out on the internet and of course sharing and talking about a good book! Even when children are

already fluent readers we can still help them to develop their reading skills. The best way is to continue to share books with your child, regularly listening to them read, sometimes reading to or with them, but also discussing books read in increasing depth. Most importantly, we want all the children to develop a 'love for reading' and we will be sharing a range of texts with them in class and hope they will also widen their reading choices out of school and share them with us!



**Weather:** As it is the summer term and we hope for some lovely weather please remember to send children to school with hats and please apply all day sun cream before school. In warm weather, it is even more important than usual to keep hydrated so make sure that the children come to school with a **water bottle** that they may keep in the classroom. The weather can be changeable so we do ask that children continue to bring coats into school in case of rain!

**Trips:** The week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Year 6 children will attend their London residential with Mr Guyler, Mrs Morris, Mrs Holmes and other children from Woolacombe School. There has already been a parent meeting with an itinerary and extra information shared but if you do have any further questions, come and find us! A parent questionnaire has gone out to all parents about the possibility of a Year 5 residential to Dorset. Please complete this questionnaire to register your interest if you have not done already. Children attending Ilfracombe Academy in September are invited to a 'Friendship Day' on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May** and we are also planning other opportunities this term to get out into our local area and explore the South West coast path. More information to come.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about our work this term, please do come and see us, contact us through the home school diary, via Class Dojo or through email:

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Here's to an enjoyable, fun filled and exciting Summer Term!