



## Combe Martin School Newsletter – 17th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We must congratulate our Year 6 children who approached the week of their SATs really positively. They showed amazing resilience, determination and confidence during the week. It was lovely to see them coming together for breakfast each morning. A special thank you to Mrs Rumson, Mrs Muir and Mrs Bayes for providing this for the children.



Congratulations to Mrs Vickery (Class 5) and to Mrs Swift (Class 1) on the births of their baby girls, Iris and Harlow.



Thank you to Amanda-Jayne Brown who has been working really hard around school improving our outdoor areas. The area outside Class 3 is blooming with plants and the children are enjoying beginning to be involved in looking after them.

Look out for more information on our upcoming performance of Cinderella Rockerfella at the end of term! More information on the performances to

follow.

Also, thank you to Lorraine Bradley, Oral Health Educator from Torrs Dental practice, who visited each class to teach children about how best to look after their teeth.



As always, our four cornerstones underpin life at Combe Martin and here are some of the highlights for each area.

### **Tiddlers**

We've loved exploring outside in the sunshine over the last few weeks! We have been painting and mixing colours, exploring water and investigating floating and sinking. The children have learned about growing flowers and how they start as a seed/bulb. There has been some great use of fine and gross motor skills hammering golf tees into the ground. One of Tiddlers also found a toad! We have painted sunflower pictures, explored strawberry scented play dough and made mud potions! We have also been talking about what being kind means and what other words can be used for kindness.

### **Academic Excellence**

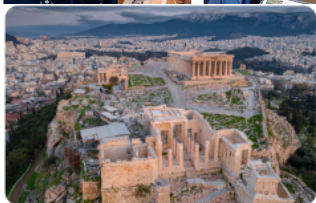
#### **Starfish and Jellyfish class**

Jellyfish class has embraced our School Days project, finding out about the history of our school and interviewing past pupils. They have also been authors, writing their own Lost and Found stories and both classes have been learning lots about the queen with the upcoming Jubilee celebrations. Very exciting!

**Year 3 and 4** - We finished our Rocks, Relics and Rumbles topic by writing information texts about volcanoes and designing pages which could go in a non fiction book. Some of our writing is on display in the corridor outside Class 2..



Our new topic is Emperors and Empires and we will be learning all about life in Ancient Rome. We began our topic with a trip to Exeter Museum where all the children took part in five workshops teaching them about the Romans, we all had a great day!



**Year 5 and 6** - Our new topic is Groundbreaking Greeks and the children are learning about the developments and changes over the six periods of ancient Greek history, exploring their lasting legacy. In Science, the children have enjoyed investigating the properties of materials. We have experimented with permeable materials and learnt about conductors and insulators.

### **Character Education**

#### **Starfish and Jellyfish class**



Our Starfish have been exploring rockpools down on the beach, earning themselves their Inspiring Adventurers Changemaker badge. Through their school days topic, Jellyfish Class have earnt two of their changemaker badges, Inspiring researcher and inspiring speaker. They have done this through their own family research projects, finding out about what School Days were like for members of their family and presenting the information to the rest of the class.





**Year 3 and 4** - Year 3 and 4 showed so many character virtues in their performance of 'Rock Bottom'! Their determination and motivation was fabulous, they acted, sang and danced with such confidence and their resilience to keep working at their performances meant that they got better everytime we rehearsed! They were amazing!

**Year 5 and 6** - Year 6 took part in Ilfracombe Friendship Day where they had the opportunity to meet new friends and find out more about their journey on to secondary school. We were really proud of the children for showing courage, friendship and co-operation. A wide range of virtues were also put into practice on the Year 6 residential, particularly resilience, courage, courtesy, curiosity and independence.

## Community

### Starfish and Jellyfish class

It was great to see members of Jellyfish class and our school councillors getting out into the community and representing the school at the Coop opening and both classes have been sharing their experiences and excitement in the lead up to the hunting of the Earl of Rone!

**Year 3 and 4** - Once again we must mention the performance of Rock Bottom, it has been two years since the last Year 3 and 4 performance so it was fantastic to be able to perform to our school community again.

**Year 5 and 6** - Year 5 have really enjoyed starting their gardening project with Amanda-Jayne. This project enables all the children to learn new skills and improve the school environment. Before long, we will have a blooming garden full of fruit, veggies and flowers. The children have big ideas for the coming term! Year 6 had an amazing time on their residential to London. We were very busy exploring the sights and getting to know the children from Woolacombe School will aid in their transition to secondary.

## Digital and Innovation

### Starfish and Jellyfish class

Jellyfish class have been learning programming in their computing lessons and how important it is to give precise instructions. Both classes have also completed a structures design and technology project with a Jubilee theme, they will be wearing them proudly at our Jubilee picnic on the pitch so look out for these!

**Year 3 and 4** - We have been learning to use the iMotion app on the Ipads to help us to create our own animations. We have been starting to plan our own story boards and have been thinking about what stories would be effective to tell in an animation.

**Year 5 and 6** - In Computing, the children are learning about a range of filming techniques before creating their own short films. We have used the iPads to experiment with different camera angles and their effect on the audience. Year 6s are investigating website design with the aim of creating a web page of their own.





**We had lots of interest in the book fair last term, thank you to everyone who bought books, your purchases go towards earning free books for our school. A huge thank you to all the parent helpers who ran the book fair for us - we couldn't have done it without you!**

**In each newsletter we will post an idea for a way to encourage your children to read at home and some book recommendations!**

Try choosing something to read as a family and make reading an activity you do together. It doesn't have to be a traditional 'book'. It could be a magazine, a comic, an e-book (a book that is downloaded online), a recipe book or a newspaper. It could even be a website that your child is interested in.

### **Book Recommendations from Mrs Railston**



The Little People Big Dreams series is the perfect first library for sharing the lives of inspirational people with children. Each book tells the childhood story of one of the world's female and male icons in an entertaining, conversational way that works well for even the youngest non-fiction readers, allowing them to identify with the characters in each story.

Just in time for her Platinum Jubilee, Queen Elizabeth now features in her very own Little People Big Dreams book. Exclusive to Tesco, this lovely hardback book is the perfect way to explain to children why The Queen deserves to be celebrated



### **Support for learning at home**



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