



# Combe Martin School Newsletter – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Dear parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful half term and are ready for the lead up to Christmas! In this newsletter, I'll give you a quick round up from last half term and share upcoming dates so you have them to hand.

Warmest regards,

*Dee Seddon*

## Innovation

There has been lots of experimentation in KS2. Seals learnt about osmosis and diffusion through tasty experiments and Puffins and Dolphins have learnt about sound waves and frequency, experimenting with string telephones. Starfish have been junk modelling, creating rockets, inspired by Neil Armstrong and Jellyfish have been designing woodlice houses and will be creating Bee bricks! Y3 have learnt how to use their chromebooks and all of KS2 have been utilising these across the curriculum.



## Community

Our Harvest Festival at St Peters was a huge success. Thank you to Reverend Mark Rouff and his team and our families who came along to support. It was a packed house!

## Character

We have been considering the virtue of gratitude, linking to our harvest service and thinking about those people who will benefit from our school community's donations. Thank you.



## Academic

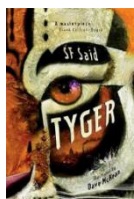
We've all been writers this half term! Starfish have been mark making and practicing letter formation, Jellyfish have been writing instructions, Dolphins and Puffins have written their own stories and Seals have been writing recounts and letters based on Friend or Foe. Maths across the school has focused on place value and the four operations so please practice key facts such as number bonds, doubles and halves and times tables at home.



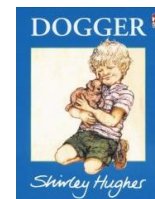
### Helping with Reading at Home:

Ask Questions! All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why?

### Book Recommendations from Mrs Railston



The highly anticipated new novel Tyger by SF Said was published this month. SF Said wrote 'Varjak Paw,' one of our reading spine books for Y5, which is always enjoyed by the children! One of my favourites from my childhood! When Dave loses his favourite toy, Dogger, he is desolate. But then Dogger turns up at the school summer fair, and everything seems all right - until someone else buys him!





## Confirmed dates for the rest of the Autumn term



**w/c 31<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Parent Evenings, don't forget to sign up if you haven't done so already.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Puffins and Dolphins trip to Cobbaton Museum

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Seals Trip to Cobbaton Museum

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Children in Need, Wear your Pyjamas to school Day!

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Open morning for prospective families, 10 – 12. Please share with any families outside of our school community who may be interested in visiting our nursery and school.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov** – KS1/Reception Phonics workshop for parents and carers

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov** – KS2 Reading workshop for parents and carers

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** – KS1/Reception Christmas Productions, 2-3pm & 5.30 - 6.30pm

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – PTFA Children's Christmas Market 1.30-3.00 (details to follow)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Christmas Service at St Peters, 1.30 - 2.30

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – PTFA Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall, 7pm

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Tiddlers Nativity, 2-2.30

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Community members are invited to join us for Carols and Mince Pies, 2.30-3pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Carols on the playground and Children's Christmas Craft Market

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last day of term.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day for Save the children.

*Other festive accessories can be worn in place of jumpers!*



