

# Duchess lost for words during writing competition as sharks circled

THE Duchess's final engagement of her whistle-stop tour of Hull was at The Deep, where she presented prizes to five young winners of a writing competition, including pupils from schools including Sirius Academies North and West, Winifred Holtby and St Mary's.

As the groups sat and waited to read their limericks and poems to Her Royal Highness, she could not ignore the sharks in the tanks behind her and admitted they were "rather scary".

They were not the only creatures to catch the Duchess's eye.

While making her way around the aquarium, she cooed over the penguins and asked about their welfare.

There was even a surprise



**STORY TIME:** Camilla reading with pupils at The Deep.

visit from two divers who took a time-out from feeding duties to wave through the glass.

Camilla awarded prizes to winners of a 100-word writing competition, and helped schoolchildren come up with limericks about herself, to launch the

inaugural National Writing Day organised by the First Story charity, which works with teachers and students to foster creativity and communication skills.

After her visit to The Deep the Duchess posed for pictures with the small crowd waiting outside for her.