



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2019

Dear Parents

Wow, what a fabulous day at Jerry Clay! As you all know the wider curriculum is so important to us. In order to heighten our focus on Modern Foreign Languages, our children have had a fantastic day focusing on Spanish. Please look on twitter to see the fantastic outcomes which our children have produced.



## Harvest Gallery & Celebration

We are looking forward to opening our doors to all of you as we celebrate Harvest. The school will be open to our community on **Friday 25th October from 3.30pm** for you to browse our children's work on harvest.

Kind regards,

*Mrs T Swinburne*

Executive Headteacher

## **Message from our Head of School**

Dear Parents,

What a brilliant day we have had today! It has been 'Spanish Day' at JCA! The day began with an assembly from our Curriculum and MFL Junior Leaders, Lottie and Jake, before the children took part in a number of activities throughout the day. Please keep looking out for more information from each class on Twitter.

## Apple Pressing

On Friday next week, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be apple pressing with Mr Nicol! Some of our children have been to pick apples from the orchard this week but we need more! If you are able to donate apples for this, we will have a container on the gate where you can drop these off next week!

## Harvest

Our Harvest collection and assembly will be on **Thursday 24th October**. On this day, children can bring tinned foods to add to our Harvest table. This will be on display at the gallery after school on the 25th October before being collected by CAP that evening. Kevin from CAP came into assembly on Tuesday to share this information with the children—we want to make this year the best yet!

Kind regards,  
Mr Palin

# Highlights of the Week from Twitter

**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · 12h  
 Year 3's published pieces are looking fantastic following our topic theme 'The Lost World' #publishedwriting #strivingtobethebest

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**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · 14h  
 Year 2 are incredibly proud of their final piece of art work inspired by our topic 'Magnificent Miners' and our focus artist 'Valerie Ganz'!

#JCAArt #JCACurriculum #TuesdayThoughts @NCMME



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**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · 15h  
 Computing with Year 1 this afternoon, learning all about algorithms. They strived to give directions to the bee-bots and even pretended to be bee-bots themselves directing each other! #JCAComputing #JCACurriculum #JCAOutdoorlearning

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**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · 9h  
 Reception class are taking time to relax their mind and body with their 'breathing buddies' today #EYFS #JCAMentalHealth #mindfulness #mentalhealth 🧡



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**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · 13h  
 Year 4 have made a fantastic start to sketching insects and minibeasts based on micro sculptures created by Levon Biss. We are looking forward to magnifying and adding colour to these over the next few weeks. @LevonBissPhoto #JCAcurriculum #JCAArt #microsculpture

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# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 1

The last two weeks have been very busy in Year 1! We have been focusing on our story of 'Zog', re-telling the story and then re-drafting it to include lots of vocabulary which the children have enjoyed thoroughly.

The children have also enjoyed drawing dragon eyes in their art lesson. This

has involved trialing out different sketching techniques and designing a dragon eye using a variety of these techniques. The children and I were really proud of their attention to detail including the spots of light on to their pupils.

In Maths we have started addition and subtraction. Although challenging, all children are beginning to grasp this really well and can add numbers between 0-10 counting on in their head.

We have also had exciting Computing lessons using the bee- bots! The children loved using the bee- bot app on the iPads and acting as bee- bots themselves outside on an obstacle course instructing their partners using instructions of where to go.



## Year 2

Year 2 have been extremely busy over the last couple of weeks and have been striving to rise to Year 2 expectations! In Literacy, we have been striving to apply a range of skills such as using onomatopoeias, ellipsis, short sentences and exciting vocabulary to build suspense and excitement in our mining adventure stories!

In Maths, we have been applying our understanding of place value to help us solve addition and subtraction problems. We have just begun exploring the column method to add and subtract tens and ones.

In History, we have been researching historical events in coal mining to create and explain a detailed timeline. We enjoyed learning new facts about coal mining and we were especially interested in the miner's strikes.

In Art, we have created our final art piece for our topic 'Magnificent Miners' based on our artist inspiration 'Valerie Ganz'. We layered the background using lighter and darker shades of white and black and pastels to create our miner in the foreground.



# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 3

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have been working exceptionally hard to produce some fantastic work. We finished off our dinosaurs topic where the children produced some beautiful pieces of art work which are now being displayed in the classroom. We have now developed our learning on to look at the Stone Age now, where in Literacy, the children have been thinking about this time era when writing an adventure story about going back in time, based on the book 'A Stone Age Boy'. In History, we have been learning all about The Stone Age where the children have started to look at cave paintings before they produce their own; here they have tea dyed paper to give it an old, authentic feel. Finally, in Maths, Year 3 are developing from strength to strength. We have been looking at developing our knowledge of adding 3-digit numbers where we have started learning how to exchange and solve word problems.



## Year 4

Year 4 are hooked on Ancient Greek myths now! We have produced written some powerful retellings of the hero Perseus taking on the hideous Medusa in 'The Gorgon's Cave' and have now begun learning about instruction writing so that we can compile a handy Hero's Handbook containing useful information about how to defeat mythical beasts. In History, we have been learning the names of Ancient Greek cities and how they helped to change the world. We explored Corinth, Knossos and Athens in outdoor activities before researching these and other cities of Sparta, Olympia and Delphi using the internet and writing an informative report.



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In Maths, we have been moving on our use of addition and subtraction including the written column method and mental methods involving adding tens and hundreds and crossing the boundary into the next hundred or thousand. We have been particularly focusing on solving more complex problems and being the teacher where we have to spot the mistake, explain it and correct it.



# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Eden Camp last week- in the words of one pupil "It was awesome!" We learnt so much and found it very interesting although some of it was quite frightening. The puppet show was great fun, finding out how people might have been entertained during WWII (including getting wet!)

In our Maths lessons, we have been consolidating our addition and subtraction skills especially problem solving using these operations. We have been challenged to solve multi step problems or problems presented in different ways.

We have enjoyed learning about 'The Blitz' in our History and Literacy learning, including role play - listening to the air raid siren and practising Blackouts in class. In Art, we are busy designing ideas in our sketchbooks for our clay piece linked to our current class novel.

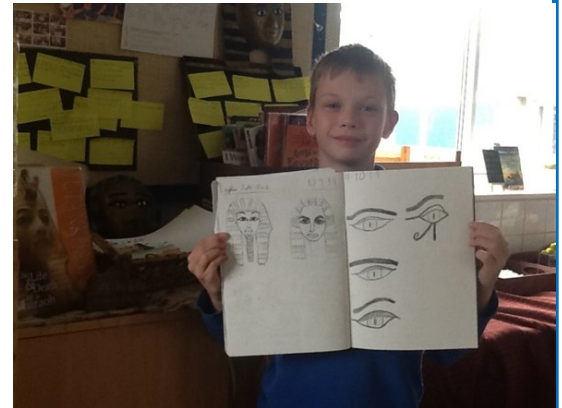


## Year 6

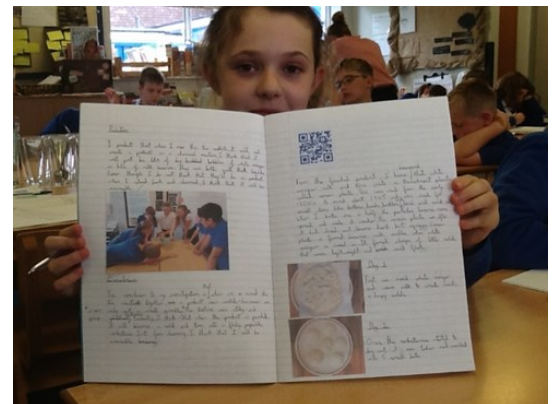
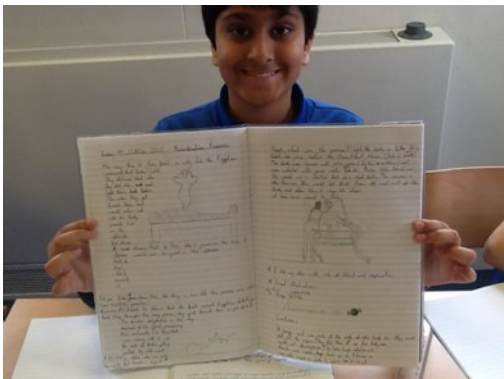
Year 6 have been very busy over the past two weeks! In Literacy we have published instructions and explanation texts on the ancient Egyptian mummification process.

During Maths, we have been consolidating our arithmetic skills and learning how to do long division. In Art, we have been drawing 'The Eye of Horus' and started to create our ancient Egyptian death masks. In Science we have been evaluating our investigative skills.

Important dates: 11<sup>th</sup> November – 15<sup>th</sup> November Bikeability Week



26<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 trip to Wakefield Museum





# Special mentions of the term



Special mentions of the term were awarded to pupils whom teachers felt have really stood out during the term for demonstrating excellent learner traits, fantastic attitudes to their learning and consistently being the 'best that they can be' every day. Well done!

## Wc 7th October

Year 1– Charlie B

Year 2– Piotr

Year 3– Scarlett



Year 4– Amelia B

Year 5– Jonah

Year 6– Owen

## Attendance winners

As you know as a school we are really focusing on excellent attendance. As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**.

Class	Last week	Year to date
Reception	100% 	97.23%
Year 1	97.50%	97.50%
Year 2	99.17%	98.40% 
Year 3	99.17%	98.18%
Year 4	99.19%	94.64%
Year 5	95%	97.01%
Year 6	93.55%	98.21%

<b>97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET</b>
<b>BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN &amp; LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS</b>
<b>90% &amp; BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN</b>

<b>WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.4%</b>
<b>ACTUAL – 97.30%</b>

# Dates for your diary

## **INSET DAYS**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

## **Parents Evenings**

26/11/19 and 28/11/19 – Parents evenings

24/3/20 and 26/3/20 – Parents evenings

## **Reports**

22/11/19- Progress check out to parents

20/3/20 – Progress check out to parents

10/7/20 – End of year reports

## **Theme Days/Weeks**

5/03/20 - World Book Day

wc 30/3/20 – Literature week

3/4/20 – Book Fest

wc18/05/20- Creative Arts week

## **Performances**

6/12/19 – Reception Activity Morning

11/12/19 and 12/12/19 – Reception nativity

16/12/19 – Christmas carols around the tree

17/12/19 (pm) and 18/12/19 (am) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity

17/06/20- Art gallery evening

07/07/20 & 9/07/20– Creative Arts evenings

w/c 13/7/20 – Celebration week

## **Sports Day**

26/6/20

## **Summer Fair**

25/6/20 (TBC)