



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2019

Dear Parents

What a vibrant week we have had!

I continue to feel so proud of the team we have at JCA - Children, staff, parents, trustees and our whole community. Our children are stretching themselves on a daily basis and some of the standards we are seeing are really exceptional. Please make sure you do look at some of our outcomes on our twitter feed @JCWakefield.

This week we were incredibly proud to host to 80 delegates from across the region at Northorpe Hall. As part of this we were able to showcase the work we do on early reading and literacy. Miss Mitchell and Mrs Burrows presented work from their classes too. By sharing practice in this way we are then challenging ourselves to get better for our children all of the time.

Thank you for supporting Children in Need today. A great day had by all in our pajamas! Our Junior Leaders decided that they would like to support this worthy charity this year, alongside the Rockin R, as our local charity and Love Support Unite as our international charity.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne

Executive Headteacher



Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents,

Our curriculum has come alive over the past couple of weeks! It has been a pleasure to see children so enthused by their topics. This week, we welcomed so many families from Year 2 for their Mining Workshop. As well as this, Year 4 visited Wakefield One for an Anglo Saxon Workshop. It was brilliant to see the children so engaged as they learnt about family life as an Anglo-Saxon, ensuring they survived through trading and negotiating.

Next week, Year 1 visit Pontefract Castle to continue their learning about 'Dungeons and Dragons'! As well as this, we look forward to welcoming families from Year 3 and 4 for their workshops:

Wednesday 20th November—Year 4 Anglo Saxon Workshop—9:15am

Thursday 21st November—Year 3 Lost World Workshop—9:15am



Kind regards,
Mr Palin



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 13 Nov

Thank you to everyone who could attend Year Two's mining workshop this morning! The children loved sharing their learning with you and we were overwhelmed with your support! ❤️🛠️
#JCACommunity #teamworkmakethedreamwork #makingmemories

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 13 Nov

During DT, Year 5 have been tasting and evaluating sweet war-time recipes. The rock buns were a definite hit! #JCADT #Evaluating

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 22h

What an excellent day at the @JCEnglishHub Reading Conference! Truly inspirational with fantastic presentations from our very own Mrs Burrows & Miss Mitchell, sharing learning journeys of your children. #Proud #Collaboration #Reading #TakingFlight @Reading_Rocks_

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 2h

Enjoying learning new skills at DT club this evening. @heppdt

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 47m

JCA had a fantastic afternoon today competing in the Indoor athletics competition, all children thoroughly enjoyed the day where we can 2nd! Thank you to @ACESport_UK #teamworkmakethedreamwork

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Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1



Last week we had a great start to our new literacy focus of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children enjoyed exploring the topic through provision, creating story maps to retell the story and creating our own giants and beanstalks. In Literacy, we have begun changing our story and look forward to writing these in the next couple of weeks.

In Maths we have been doing lots of addition and just starting subtraction. The children are really developing their recall skills and are speedy when asked questions knowing they can use counting on in their heads or part-whole models to help them.

In Science we have been looking at the seasons and in particular autumn. We went on an autumn walk around school looking for different features of the season. The children could explain what happens to trees and observed the different colours of the leaves.

We have also had a great morning with HEPDPT creating castles to go along with our 'Dungeons and Dragons' topic. The children used saws and drills and fun was had by all!



Year 2

Since starting back this half term, Year 2 have worked incredibly hard! We have continued to explore our topic 'Magnificent Miners'. Thank you for attending our wonderful workshop on Wednesday! We loved being able to share all our knowledge and learning so far with you!



In Literacy, we have begun creating a non-chronological report about the National Coal Mining Museum. We have been critiquing the features and the purpose so that we can understand the importance of each feature. Now, we are striving to include sub-headings, exciting vocabulary and paragraphs in our own non-chronological reports.



In Maths, we have continued our unit on addition and subtraction. We can now confidently apply column addition and subtraction methods, even when exchanging ten, to solve word problems. We are so proud of Year 2 for persevering with this method to add and subtract 2 digit numbers!

For our Topic, 'Magnificent Miners', we have been using iPads and QR codes to research historical information about the Oaks colliery disaster. We found some interesting and shocking facts about the working conditions for coal miners. Next, we will be using this information to create our own fact files.

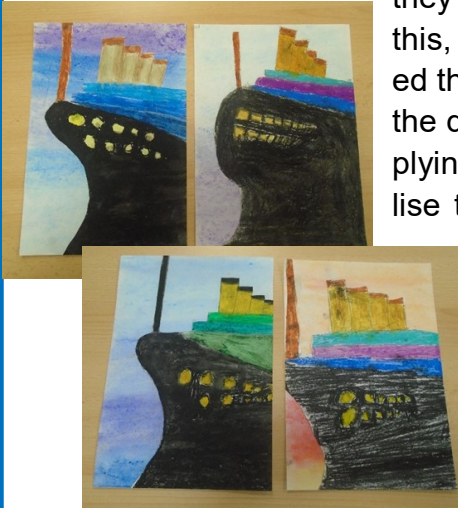
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Year 3

Year 3 have had a great few weeks where we have started to learn about the Titanic as part of our topic 'The Lost World'. The children have thoroughly engaged in this where they have asked lots of thought provoking questions and completed additional research outside of the school day. In Literacy, we have been thinking about the time when the Titanic was built, where the children have imagined

they were alive during this time and lucky enough to board the ship. From this, the children have started to write a diary entry about the day they boarded the Titanic thinking about who they were with and what they would see on the day they would board. In Maths, Year 3 have started to think about multiplying and dividing using 3s, 4s and 8s. Here the children have started to utilise their knowledge of these times tables to apply to a variety of different questions including word problems.

In History, Year 3 have considered the time when the Titanic was around. The children have completed research to identify features on the ship, where we have started to consider the different passengers on the ship and how their experiences would differ.



Year 4



Since returning to school after the holidays, Year 4 have explored more aspects of Ancient Greek culture. We found out how our finished masks would have been used to change characters on stage and to show emotion. We also learned more about Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses and made up our own board games to teach people about them.

This week we have now begun reading the Anglo Saxon legend about the hero Beowulf and finding out who the Anglo Saxons were and when they came to live in Britain. On our trip to Wakefield Museum, we had the opportunity to learn a lot about how the Anglo Saxons lived. We all had a job in the Anglo Saxon village and when things went wrong we had to work together and support each other to survive. We needed all our communication and team work skills to negotiate and trade with other families.



In Maths, we have been learning to use the inverse operation to check our work and to solve a variety of problems. We have been developing our reasoning skills to help us to understand this concept. In Science, we have begun to learn about the digestive system and in RE we have been finding out what people of different faiths believe about God.



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Year 5



Year 5 have come back to school after the half term with lots of enthusiasm. We have been working hard in Literacy to develop our understanding of Codebreaking in WWII. This has involved learning about the work of Bletchley Park and how they decoded important messages from enemies. We have also learned about different types of codes, such as Semaphore, Morse code and cipher codes in Computing.

Our Maths learning is currently based on developing our mental multiplication and division skills. We have investigated

multiples and factors and the relationships between them. Times tables are crucial for our learning so we are striving to achieve the next Diamond Dash goal, whilst also striving to improve our speed on TTRockstars.

We have enjoyed the beginning of our DT unit, where we are striving to design and make the food for our own end of war celebration. So far we have discussed our design brief, the importance of considering rationing and tasted some war-time recipes! Our celebration will be held on Monday 2nd December at the Village Hall and we hope that many parents and grandparents will be able to attend to help celebrate our learning!



Key dates: Monday 2nd December – celebration at the Village Hall 2pm-3pm

Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard learning about fractions. We have learnt how to find equivalent fractions, simplify fractions, order fractions and add and subtract fractions. During Literacy we created our video diary entries. You can see these on our display by scanning the QR codes! We have also

had an NSPCC workshop where we learnt how to stay safer day-to-day.

Our Junior Leadership Team did a fantastic job of representing Jerry Clay Academy at our Open Morning and proudly demonstrated their work across school! Well done!

We have also been learning outdoors during Bikeability and have learnt how to control braking, speed, how to follow routes, how to ride safely on roads and how to use roundabouts.

Important dates: 26th November – Y6 trip to Wakefield Museum





KS2 Boys Indoor Athletics



Our KS2 Boys Indoor Athletics team competed in a competition at Middleton Leisure Centre on Thursday 14th November 2019. We competed in a number of events including long jump, triple jump, chest throw and a range of relay races. After all of the events, we finished 2nd, with our scores to be combined with the girls' next week to find the overall winner!

Well done to: **Lloyd, Jamie, Oliver G, Adam, Oliver M, Jacob, Max, Hadley, Isaac, Daniel**



Special mentions of the week



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

Wc 4th November & 11th November

Reception – Jessica

Year 1– Jasmine & Maxi

Year 2– Harry Sz & Matthew

Year 3– Mia & Samuel



Year 4– Scarlett & Amelia

Year 5– Luke & Ben

Year 6 - Isabel & Daniel

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	95.33%	96.88%
Year 1	99.33% 	97.65%
Year 2	98%	98.33% 
Year 3	97.33%	98.11%
Year 4	91.61%	93.88%
Year 5	91.33%	96.04%
Year 6	98.06%	98.16%

97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.4%

ACTUAL – 96.99%

Dates for your diary

INSET DAYS

Friday 29th November

Friday 20th December

Friday 17th July

Monday 20th 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)