



Jerry Clay Academy News



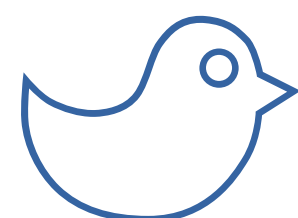
Newsletter 1, Spring
Term

Real-Life experiences
are crucial for children!

This week we have offered our children some fantastic experiences which will really enrich their learning opportunities across the curriculum. Year 4, this week, had a very cold but very exciting outdoor learning day and all of the children thoroughly enjoyed working with Eden's Forest looking at their theme of Global Citizenship. Year 3, on Wednesday, visited Leeds Art Gallery. Part of their exciting day was getting the train to Leeds!

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CLASS NEWS

Year 1

What an exciting two weeks we have had! The children have loved our literacy focus of Paddington. They have written cards, letters and postcards telling everyone about Paddington in our class. We have started to write our letter to Aunt Lucy to tell her all about how Paddington belongs with our class, ensuring we include exciting vocabulary and time adverbials.

In Maths we have been really focussing on our number bonds to 20. This has been helped by them playing 'Hit the button' as well as all the different things we use in class such as number lines and ten frames. I am very proud of their perseverance with this.

We have been having using lots of different sources of information to help us locate the continents and countries. The atlases, globes and an interactive map have helped the children locate places independently.



Year 2

Year Two have had two fantastic weeks and have been working incredibly hard! In Literacy, we have writing our own version of the story 'Pretty Salma. We have been thinking about how we can change the characters, problem and solution to the story while using the original story as inspiration. We have used role-play, freeze frames and our small world area to develop our ideas. We have been astonished with their choice of vocabulary and sentence structure!

In Maths, we have continued our unit on Multiplication and Division. We have been using a range of concrete resources to represent a variety of methods and we have been practising our methods in our outdoor area to help us solve two step word problems.

In Topic, Year 2 have been using their facts and information they researched to help us compare a West African village to Wrenthorpe. We are already realising how lucky we are with the luxuries we have.

In Art, we are developing our artwork on our African masks. This week we have been using a variety of materials to add layers to our masks, to create different 3D aspects, to match our final designs.





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YEAR 3

A brilliant two weeks in Year 3 was capped off with their exciting trip to Leeds Art Gallery! At the Art Gallery, we participated in a workshop about colour where we used the art work on show as inspiration for our own ideas. We all enjoyed going on the train to get to the Art Gallery and showed great perseverance to walk to and from Outwood Station.

Over the past two weeks, we have started using 'Together' by Isabel Otter as our core text. We have read the text in-depth and have really started to look closely at the vocabulary used and how we can understand it. We are now starting to think of our own adventure stories based on the text.

In Maths, we have started to learn about money and have reviewed the coin and note values. In addition to this, we have learnt how to make different values and strategies to do this accurately. In Spanish, we have learnt about masculine and feminine words and the different ways to say 'a' and 'the'.



YEAR 4

Year 4 are delving deeper into our Geography theme, learning about the Earth and the problems facing it. We had a brilliant day on Tuesday, working outdoors with Eden's Forest to explore how we can all live more sustainably. We have lots of ideas to share with everyone as we learned that to think global we have to start local! We learned about sorting our rubbish for recycling as well exploring renewable forms of energy. We finally thought about the flora and fauna in our local area before creating a shelter to protect a creature. Back in class we have been learning about the layers of the tropical rainforest and the creatures that live there.

In Literacy, we have written persuasive letters to a wood cutter to save The Great Kapok tree and we have now begun learning about how poems can give messages about saving precious animals.

In Maths, we have been practising using written methods for multiplication and division including finding remainders. We have thought about what remainders mean in real life contexts.





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YEAR 5

Year 5 are continuing their bright start to the Spring term. We have been bounding forwards in Maths, working hard to learn the column methods for larger multiplication sums whilst also persisting with the bus stop division method too. We are now applying these skills into problem solving situations with more care.

Our Literacy work has been fantastic, we have drafted and published our nature documentaries and we are now starting to record them aloud, thinking about our pace, precision, power and pronunciation! The way we read these will help us to engage our listener and we want lots of listeners! We have been continuing to learn about el campo (the countryside) and la ciudad (the city) in Spanish. Now we are putting our vocabulary into sentences in order to compare them. The class are working hard on using conjunctions in order to do this as well as focussing on their pronunciation of tricky Spanish words.

In Art we have been developing our observational drawing skills outside and during RE, we are becoming experts in Judaism. Please ask your child what they have learnt about a synagogue recently!



YEAR 6

Year 6 have continued our 'Does adversity make you stronger?' theme by delving deeper into our class book 'Wonder' by R.J Palacio. We have been working hard to find evidence for character traits and personality within the book and linking this to our writing, where we are planning our diary entries of Auggie's first day at school. We have also continued to research locations of earthquakes across the globe and learnt about fault lines and their causes.

In Art, we have been studying the photographer 'Jim Reed' who photographs extreme weathers and are creating our own pastel outcomes based on this.


In Maths we have continued to learn about algebra and have been learning how to substitute and solve 1 and 2 step equations.





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	99.33%	96.89%
Year 1	98%	97.57%
Year 2	100% 	97.99% 
Year 3	98.67%	97.36%
Year 4	99.35%	94.25%
Year 5	96.33%	95.99%
Year 6	94.84%	97.93%

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 – 96.85%

Special mentions of the week

Special mentions of the week are 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!

Week beginning: 13th January, 20th January & 27th January 2020

Reception - Olivia, Louie & Jaxon

Year 1– Charlie, Muhammad & Esme

Year 2– Lillianna, Dougie & Morgan

Year 3– Nataniel, Gabby & Taylor

Year 4– Amelia V, Isaac & Mollie

Year 5– Molly, Hannah & Logan

Year 6– Oliver C, Hibah



Twitter

this week



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 14h

A fantastic day for Year 3 who went on the train to @LeedsArt workshop. They used the art work as inspiration for their own #JCACurriculum #JCAArts



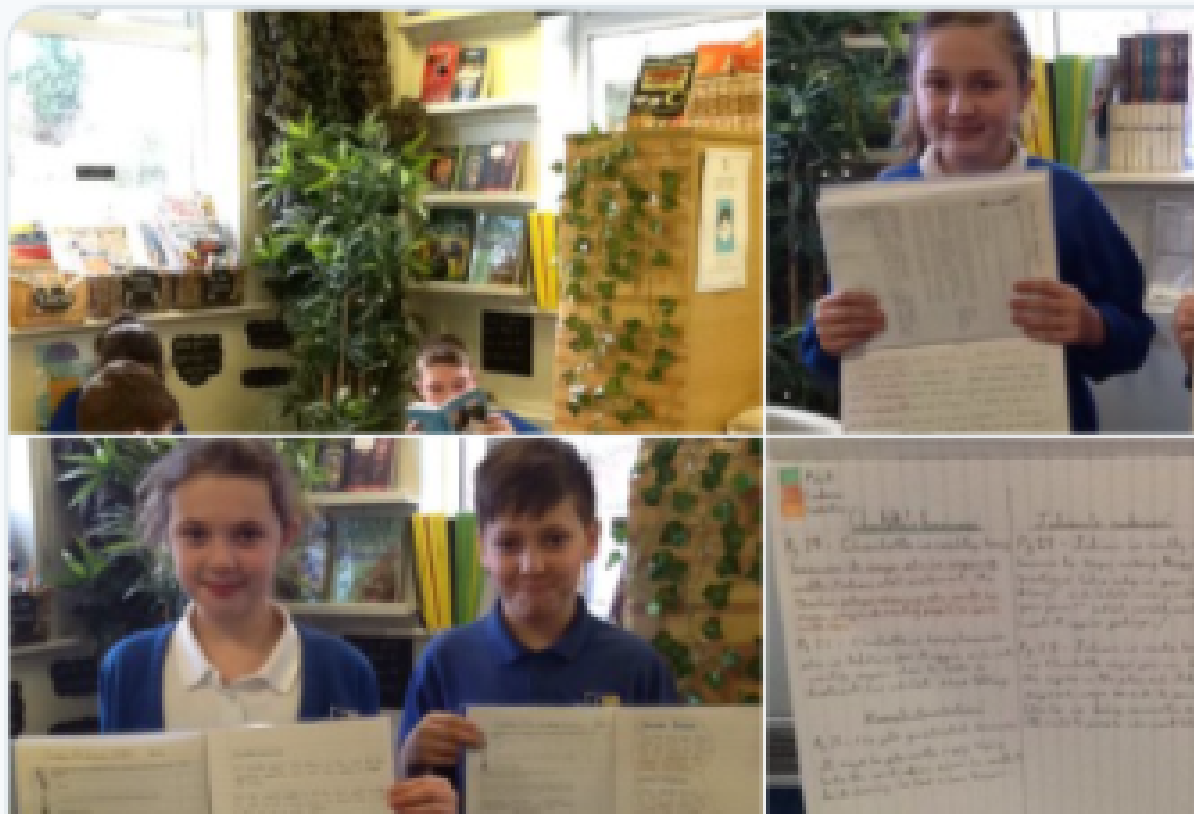
Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 28 Jan

A fascinating day with @EdensForest. Y4 learned recycling and sustainability. We found that the big actually humans. We looked around for flora and to protect creatures living here. #JCAOutdoorlear



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 28 Jan

Year 6 have been thoroughly enjoying reading Wonder by @ Today we have been reading about Auggie's first day at school evidence for character traits. ##choosekind #wonder #JCARE



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 24 Jan

Reception class have had a wonderful time on their 'Arctic Expedition' today where they set sail on a boat, solved problems and made discoveries before sitting around the camp fire #EYFS #JCAOutdoorlearning #adventure #roleplay #TheGreatExplor





PTA Reminders January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last term was a busy one but with your support we raised a fantastic amount from the advent calendar raffle, personalised Christmas gifts, the wreath making workshop and Carols around the Christmas tree. Thank you!

Now we need to look forward and make plans for the coming year. We would really like to hear your thoughts and ideas on our fundraising activities. In the next few weeks we will be emailing out a link to a survey. We hope you can spare a few minutes to tell us what you think and share ideas.



Valentines Disco

On **Thursday 13th February** we are holding our Valentines Disco.

- £2 entry and unlimited juice
- **Reception, year 1 and 2**
6.15pm - 7.15pm
- **Years 3 to 6**
7.30pm - 8.30pm

Sweets, tattoos and accessories available to buy.



Gift Amnesty

We are holding a gift amnesty during January and February. Any unwanted and unopened bottles, toiletries, gifts and chocolates that we can use for future events and raffles would be a great help.

Just drop them off at school reception.



Pre-loved Uniform

If you have any outgrown **JCA branded** jumpers, cardigans, t-shirts or girls summer term uniforms that are in **good condition** we would really appreciate your donation.

Please bring them along to the office or hand them to any of the PTA members and we will add them to our stock.

[If you would like to buy any uniform please get in touch on the contact details below.](#)

Jumpers and cardigans £2

T-shirts £1

Summer dresses £1.50

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Getting Involved

The next PTA meeting is on:

Thursday 23rd January 2020

6.30pm at Jerry Clay Academy

Everyone is Welcome



Get in touch

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Warm Regards

Jenna and Louise

PTA Co-Chairs



JERRY CLAY ACADEMY

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TIMETABLE- SPRING 1

<i>MONDAY</i>	RECORDER- 12-12.30 DANCE- R, Y1, Y2-3.30-4.30	KS2 CHOIR- 3.30-4.30 FOOD TECHNOLOGY- 3.30-4.30
<i>TUESDAY</i>	STEM SCIENCE-Y3 & 4- 3.30-4.30 KS1 MULTISPORTS- 3.30-4.30	
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	SPANISH CLUB- Y2, 3 & 4- 3.30-4.30	
<i>THURSDAY</i>	KS2 MUSICAL THEATRE-3.30-4.30	
<i>FRIDAY</i>	MULTISPORTS-Y3 & 4- 3.30-4.30	