



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents

It has a very productive week in the academy with children in all classes really pulling together to persevere with their learning and explore their themes. **We are delighted to share a curriculum review of each class's learning over the last two weeks later in the newsletter.**

## Parents Evenings—Tuesday 4th May and Thursday 6th May

Thankyou for completing the ParentMail form requesting timeslots for our upcoming Parents Evenings on Tuesday 4th May and Thursday 6th May. Please return any further forms today and teachers will be in touch via ParentMail to confirm the appointment time and provide a Teams meeting link later next week.

## Bubble closure

A huge well done to all the children in Y3 for latching straight back into remote learning whilst self isolating. They are keeping up their fantastic learning with the help of Miss Morley and Mrs Rex. Thanks also to the year 3 families for supporting them so well. We are loving seeing all the children's fabulous learning on Seesaw and in live lessons.

*We continue to use our safety measures to keep each other safe and to protect learning in school. Thank you for supporting us with distancing and face coverings when dropping off and picking up and for following government guidance.*



## Worry buddies

Our Junior Leaders in Year 6 wanted to help all the children in school deal with any worries they have. They have trained children in each year group to be Worry buddies to support their peers on the playground and use a worry box. We are so proud of all the Worry Buddies for putting themselves forward to care for their classmates.

## PTA—Smarties Challenge and Zoom PTA Meeting

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Smarties Challenge fundraiser. I am delighted to announce that the winning class was... Reception class! There will be a meeting of the PTA on **Tuesday 27th April at 6.30pm on Zoom** to discuss future plans. It is always great to welcome new people to join the meeting so please do consider getting involved with their valuable work. If you would like to attend please email [jerryclaypta@gmail.com](mailto:jerryclaypta@gmail.com) and they will send you an invite.

## Wraparound Care

Wraparound Care is run by Jerry Clay Academy staff before and after school and provides a range of indoor and outdoor activities, crafts and games. In line with our Health and Safety Risk Assessment, children are organised in groups minimising contact between bubbles. More details are available on our Jerry Clay website and bookings are made via a ParentMail booking form. Please contact the academy office to request a ParentMail form to be sent.

We continue to be so proud of the children for their amazing resilience and love of learning. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs C Elliott Headteacher





# Special mentions of the week

Teachers are so proud of the amazing effort of the children in their class and would like to celebrate the effort they are making. They have chosen their Special Mention; someone who has 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: 19th April 2021**

**Reception - Evie Neal**

**Year 1- Amrita Mann**

**Year 2- Charlie Taylor**

**Year 3- Annabelle Allen**

**Year 4- Riley Wright**

**Year 5- Tyler Asquith**

**Year 6- Everyone in Year 6!**



## Attendance winners

As you know as a school we continue to focus on excellent attendance (where appropriate). As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**.

**Please note that children who are self isolating due to COVID are not included in these figures.**

lass	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	99.33 %	99.48%
Year 1	100%	98.88%
Year 2	96.67 %	98.75%
Year 3	93.55 %	98.62%
Year 4	98%	98.53%
Year 5	97.42 %	98.76 %
Year 6	97.14 %	96.64%

**97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET**

**BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS**

**90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN**

**WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.40%**

**ACTUAL – 98.54% Keep it up, well done!**



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## WRAP AROUND CARE

Run by academy staff and offering a range of indoor and outdoor activities including games, crafts, table tennis, pool and outdoor play.

The tea menu varies week to week, example menus include:

Pasta with tomato sauce and cheese / yoghurt  
Soup with a roll / fruit  
Wraps with a variety of fillings / jelly & ice-cream

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## EARLY CARE from 7.30am

Cost: £4.75 per session including a breakfast of cereal, toast & a drink

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE until 6pm

2020/21 costs according to pick-up time:

- Collect before 4.30pm: £4.75 including a snack
- Collect before 5.15pm: £7.00 including a light two course tea
- Collect before 6.00pm: £9.00 including a light two course tea
- Reduced fees are available for a second or third child from the same family attending after school club. The reduced fees from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 are: £6.50 (collect up to 5.15pm) / £8.50 (collect by 6pm).

\*We accept childcare vouchers from company schemes and the Government Tax-Free Childcare Scheme: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/eligibility>

\*Prices review annually in July by the Governing Body

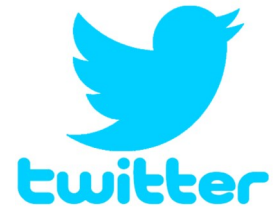
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For further information see the academy website at:

<http://www.jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk/parents/wrap-around-care/>



# Highlights of the Week from Twitter



**Jerry Clay Academy**  
@JCAWakefield

Year 1 have been enjoying exploring key vocabulary in our core text: Leaf. Wonderful role play using our special superstar words [#JCAReading](#) [#coretext](#)



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · 26m

Year 6 have had a fantastic drama session this afternoon. We have been developing our understanding of the fourth wall and crating our own scenes doing this. Really impressed with the quality, effort and teamwork in these!



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · Apr 20

Year 3 have made a brilliant start to their outdoor learning day! We've explored a timeline of farming, farming techniques and built our own island with mountains, rivers and settlements on. Super teamwork [#outdoorlearning](#) [#farming](#) [#teamwork](#)



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · 8h

Reception Class have created exceptional model aquariums, sea creatures and 'under the sea' mazes using a variety of media and techniques [#EYFS](#) [#RainbowFish](#) [#Tiddler](#) [#creative](#) [#imaginative](#) [#TalkforStories](#) [#sustainedlearning](#)



**Jerry Clay Academy** @JCAWakefield · Apr 20

Reception Class have been busy creating dramatic waterfalls, river beds and rock pools for 'Tiddler' and friends [#EYFS](#) [#JCAOutdoorLearning](#) [#creative](#) [#problemsolving](#) [#teamwork](#) [#languagedevelopment](#)



**Jerry Clay Academy**  
@JCAWakefield

Fantastic to be able to meet with all of our brand new Worry Buddies. We have completed some training on how to support our peers in the playground and classroom and how we can teach our classes to utilise their Worry Boxes. [#mentalhealth](#) [#JCACurriculum](#)



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# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 1

Year 1 have really enjoyed the beginning of our new learning adventure - based on the story 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann. We uncovered clues to lead us to our main character- a polar bear named Leaf. We have been striving to use exciting vocabulary from the story in our role play, story maps and sentence ideas. We are super confident now at retelling the key events - please ask your child all about this!

In Maths, we have been learning all about counting forwards and backwards from 0 to 100 from any number, whilst also starting to link our counting in 2s 5s and 10s to times tables.

We have located the North Pole (where Leaf is from) and the South Pole, as well as the Equator and have considered carefully the weather in each of these locations. In Art we have started exploring rubbings using both natural and man-made resources that we found. Also, we have been busy learning a new dance routine and working hard in Outdoor PE! A busy and exciting couple of weeks!

### Important dates to remember:

**Tuesday –18th May Year 1 Outdoor learning day**



## Year 2

Year 2 have continued an amazing learning journey this half term and we are incredibly proud of their positive learning attitudes. In Literacy, we have started our new story focus 'Grandma Bird'. We have really enjoyed using story maps and lots of role play to explore our story. We have also been developing our drama skills to perform our story telling. We cannot wait to share it with you!

In Maths, we are measuring length and height. We have used cubes, blocks and now rulers to help us measure lots of objects around school and even each other!

This half term, our theme for learning is 'What's the

weather?'. We have demonstrated our inquisitive skills by asking lots of questions to map out our learning journey. In computing, we have been learning to use the internet safely to help us research images of extreme weather.

### Important dates to remember:

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 Outdoor learning day**



# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA



## Year 3

We are really proud of Year 3 for consistently striving to show passion and resilience in their learning, making it a brilliant start to our summer term.

We have begun exploring our new topic of 'The Great Outdoors', which has sparked great enthusiasm, questions and discussions on prior learning amongst the children. On Tuesday, Year 3 had their Outdoor Learning Day, where the children were given a fantastic introduction to farming. We explored farming through the years on a interactive timeline and created our own island to map out how we could utilise the land for farming, which the children were thoroughly engaged in.

This inquisitiveness has continued in Science, exploring plants and their functions using diagrams and real examples.

In Literacy, we have begun our new core text of 'Charlotte's Web.' We have enjoyed making the most of this beautiful weather by reading our chapters together outside followed by some brilliant role play to explore the characters. We were also excited to see we had our very own 'Charlotte' visitor in the classroom to observe our super Literacy work!

In Maths we are continuing to look at measurement, particularly to achieve quick recall of conversions facts between measurements. We are really proud of all our Diamond Dash superstars and I know we will continue to practise this.

Year 3 should be proud of themselves for how well they have adapted to home learning again and how much they are striving to produce brilliant pieces of work.

## **Year 4**

Year 4 have come back to school with such enthusiasm and determination, it has been a real pleasure to see the children flourish over the last couple of week.

Since Easter, we have started to look at our new theme; The Great Outdoors. The children have shown excellent inquisitiveness here through asking lots of questions and sharing their prior knowledge about what they already know about inventors. This inquisitiveness, along with risk taking has enabled the children in music and science to experiment with natural objects to understand how we can make different sounds. As we have been focusing on the Industrial revolution, the children have thoroughly engaged in

learning about the different inventions, particularly the railway. This has particularly been evident in Literacy where the children have produced some amazing writing after looking at our new book 'The Railway Children.'

In Maths, we are continuing to recap our prior learning on the four operations and we have now been looking at applying this knowledge to a range of challenging questions.

**Important dates to remember:**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Year 4 Outdoor learning day**



# Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

## Year 5

Year 5 have impressed so much over the past few weeks! It has been a pleasure to see them return to routines and learn together in school!

Since Easter, we have started to look at our new theme; Life Through A Lens which centres around space. We have already discussed what we remember from prior learning and have been fascinated with the idea of how the planets orbit the sun! There have been so many inquisitive questions that have helped us to progress our learning.

Our focus in Literacy has been on our new core text 'The Jamie Drake Equation'. We have been using this book as inspiration to add more adventure and excitement to our writing. In Maths, we are continuing to apply our basic skills in learning about fractions!



### Important dates to remember:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Outdoor learning day**

## Year 6



Wow! What a busy and exciting start to the term! Last week, Year 6 had our Outdoor Day where we launched our new core text, 'The Tempest.' We created a galleon, maps and an island for our setting. We then created shelters for our island and explained our reasons for their positioning. After that, we created fire (using fire lights and friction) and magic wands from wood. We then enjoyed toasted S'mores and marshmallows to celebrate our achievements!

In Literacy and Drama, we have been continuing our fantastic work on our core text. We have retold the story using story maps and have written magical spells to cast our own tempest!

In Maths, we are continuing to strengthen our skills in understanding worded problems. We have been learning to use bar models to help us further understand what a question is asking us to do.

In PSHE and Wise Time, we have been continuing writing our own stories based on 'The Colour Monster' and have continued our Luggage for Life sessions, where we are able to talk about any worries and talk about our hopes and dreams for the future and for our transition into secondary school.

### Important dates to remember:

**Y6 rescheduled Bikeability : Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Further details to follow.**

As covid restrictions continue to change, we are continuing to make plans regarding transition arrangements, special events and end of year celebrations. We events and end of year celebrations. We will communicate further details this term.





## Dates for Your Diary

### Parents Evenings

4/5/21, 6/5/21– Virtual Parents evenings

### Reports

16/7/21– End of year reports

### Theme Weeks

w/c 24/05/21- Creative Arts week

### Provisional Performances—pending Government Guidance

w/c/ 21/06/21 - Creative Arts Outdoor Gallery .

w/c 19/7/21 – Celebration week

### Sports Day Week

w/c/ 18/06/21

### Y6 HeartStart Training

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June-

### Year 6 activities—dates tbc

### End of Term

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

### Back to school

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**We continue to respond to the changing situation with the pandemic to prioritise safety for all. Dates are subject to change and are likely to run differently to in a normal year. We continue to follow government guidance on what we can and cannot do safely. We will communicate further arrangements as soon as we can.**

### **Reminder of drop off & pick up times**

**A classes – Y1,3,5, 6**

**8.30-8.45**

**3.00-3.15**

**B classes – R, Y2, Y4**

**8.45-9.00**

**3.15-3.25**