



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents

It has been another busy and exciting week in the academy finished off with a fantastic 'Dress as a Word Day' Thank you for all your help with this. Wonderful word choices and creative costumes! We had a lot of fun exploring ambitious vocabulary and the power of words! Please find photos in this newsletter and on Twitter.

@JCAWakefield

Junior Leadership Team

What a privilege to listen to our Year 6 leaders presentations this week. We were blown away by their confidence and the passion with which they spoke about their leadership roles. They have so many ideas and I know they are going to make a huge difference to the Academy this year. Well done to each and everyone of them.

Head boy and head girl—Isaac and Evie

Blue House Captains—Adam and Harry

Green House Captains—Meeryad and Joella

Head of Healthy School—Maya

Head of School Council—Erin

Head of Wellbeing—Riley

Co-heads of English - Henry and Olivia

Co-heads of Creative Arts—Matilda and Lottie
gy—Alex

Co-Heads of ICT and Internet Safety—Saleem and Tyler

Deputy head boy and girl - Benji and Scarlett

Yellow House Captains—Harrison and Mollie

Red House Captains—Emily and Amelia V

Head of Operations—Jack

Head of Outdoors—Amelia B

Head of Sport—Kai

Head of History—Charlotte

Head of Maths and Technolo-



30 Years Long Service Awards

A huge thank you to Carol Braim who has achieved her 30 year Long Services Award from ISS Education and continues to prepare and serve our delicious dinners at Jerry Clay after 27 years.

PTA

Your PTA need you! The PTA will be holding a Zoom meeting on Tuesday 5th October at 7.30PM (Link to follow). Over the years, our PTA have generously given their time and enthusiasm to put on events and raise fund to provide so many opportunities for all the children. Our current team are standing down soon and we would love to hear from you if can help.

Parking and Road Safety around School

Please could I ask everyone to take the utmost care when parking and driving near school at the busy drop off and pick up times. In particular, please could I ask that we respect the local residents by not parking over driveways. Thank you.

Best wishes

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Making memories...



Your PTA needs you...

- Have your say
- Share ideas
- Help out at events
- Come along to meetings

Help us support the school to be the best it can be.

Contact us

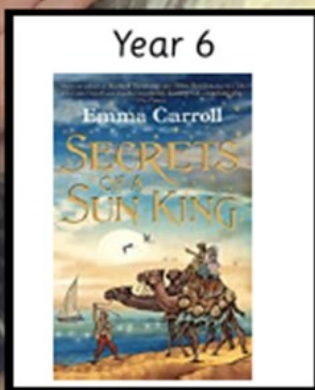
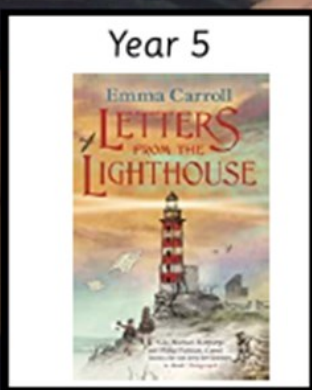
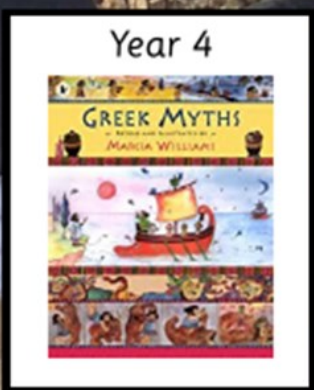
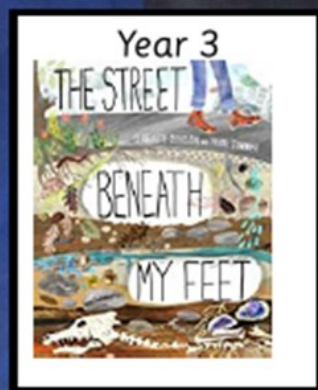
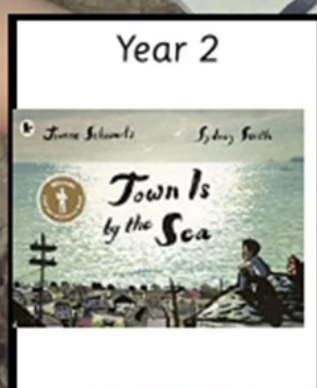
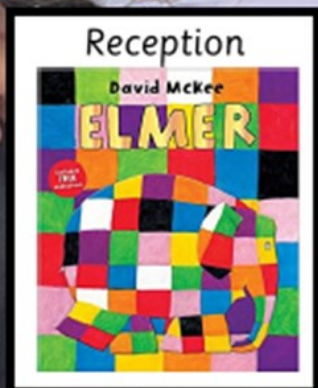
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Reading at JCA

Welcome to our Reading newsletter—1st October 2021.

What is a core text? You may have heard us discuss core texts in newsletters, these are the texts that are guiding the class's current learning in Literacy. These will also be inspiring their learning in other curriculum areas too!

Ask your child about their current core text:





Dress as a Word Day!

We have really enjoyed our Dress as a Word Day. The children chose such wonderful words and had such creative costumes! It was a lot of fun! Thankyou for all your help at home!



My word understanding

Word	1	2	3
irritate	irritate means to annoy	You need to irritate your team	delighted
align	align means to put things in a straight line	Our book aligns our moral	astonished
ambivalent	ambivalent means to have mixed feelings	That's ambivalent!	dimly
capture	capture means to take someone or something	I have the water capture	blue
conquering	conquering means to win a battle or fight	She was in conquering	blind
attractive	attractive means to be appealing	She was so attractive!	sporty
hitting	hitting means to strike or beat	He was so hitting and loud	exhausted
ambitious	ambitious means to have a strong desire to achieve something	I was ambitious	hilarious





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: 1st October 2021

Year 1– Theo Burton

Year 2– Annie Paterson

Year 3– Alex Gatenby

Year 4– Hannah Loftus

Year 5– Prja Aree

Year 6– Charlotte Sykes



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.

Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	97.42 %	97.36 %
Year 1	95.33 %	97.22 %
Year 2	91.67 %	97.31 %
Year 3	98.67 %	97.69 %
Year 4	96.67 %	97.77 %
Year 5	97.33 %	97.59 %
Year 6	99.37 %	94.70 %

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 – 97.07%

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have continued to love their learning based around our theme Dungeons and Dragons – we have been striving high in Literacy to write about our own dragons using full sentences, and lovely descriptive words. We are hoping to publish these next week. The children have also enjoyed listening to and learning to perform a poem this week. In Maths, we have been counting and comparing numbers, using equal to, greater than or less than.



During History, we have been reading all about William who lived at Sandal Castle 1000 years ago. We have found out all about different parts of the castle through this, and the different roles people had within a castle. In PE, we have been learning the difference between underarm and overarm throwing and practising our technique.

Key dates

6th October – visit from nurse to talk about teeth brushing

Year 2

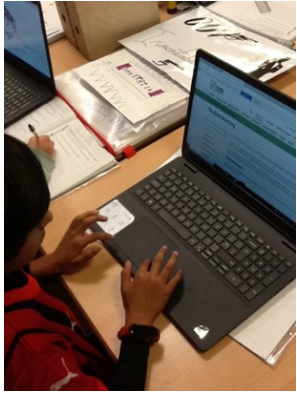
What an amazing few weeks we have had in Year 2! We have really been striving to be the best in our learning and care for each other. This week, our focus has been 'Our class is a family' and we have been discussing how we can make each other feel special. We shared kind words about each other and celebrated our differences.

In Literacy, we have continued to explore our core text 'Town is by the sea'. To help us remember the story, we have been creating detailed story maps. We are so excited to start to write our own retells next week!

In Maths, our learning is still focussed on place value and number. This week, we have been striving to use inequality symbols to compare amounts and numbers using more than, less than and equal. We have also been demonstrating our resilience by striving to solve word problems independently!



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Year 3

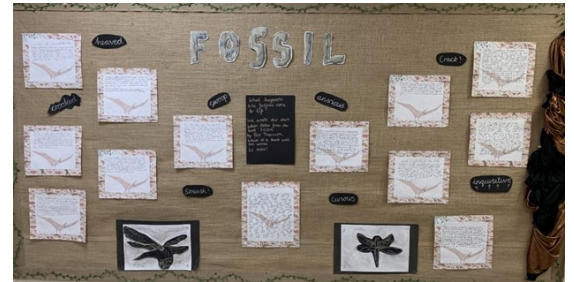
Year 3 have had a superb few weeks and shown a real passion to their learning.

In Literacy, the children have shown great care and pride whilst they have published their narratives inspired by the book 'Fossil' by Bill Thomson. They have now moved onto exploring the greatest fossil hunter of all time...Mary Anning! Every member of the class has immersed themselves into learning about such an important scientific figure

and we cannot wait to see all the amazing facts they will gather.

In Maths, we have continued to expand our place value knowledge through comparing and ordering 3-digit numbers and have showcased our super learning in a hot maths.

In Art, the children have practised their collaging techniques using clippings from magazines to eventually make their final piece colourful and 3D. Finally, in History, they have displayed brilliant retrieval skills using the laptops when researching dinosaurs on different websites.



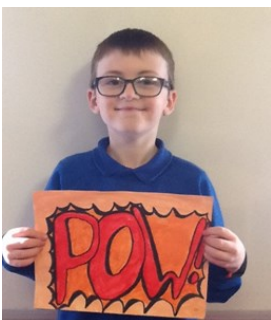
Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic few weeks, they have been really engrossed in their learning about the Ancient Greeks where they have been applying their understanding of myths, along with listening to a variety of different myths, to produce a myth of their own. Within maths, we have continued to develop our place value knowledge when rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 along with finding 1, 10, 100, 1000 more or less than a number.



In art, the children have designed and completed their pop art piece through using paint to add vibrant colours and black to make these pictures 3D. These are now beautifully displayed within the classroom.

Finally, in Geography, we have displayed excellent retrieval of prior learning where we have now developed our knowledge of capital cities before using atlases to locate these on the map of Europe.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Another fantastic two weeks in Year 5; the children have continued to work incredibly hard. In our theme, 'The Great Divide', we have looked at the day War was announced and discussed how it changed people's lives. We have also



learnt about the Axis and Allies in The War. We have located these countries using an atlas and have compared their locations.

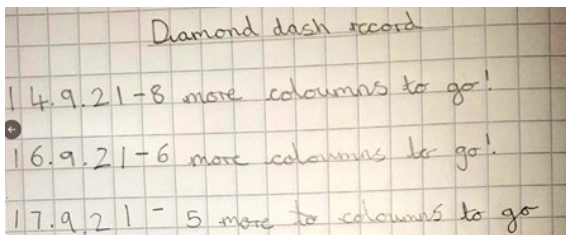


In Maths we have continued to learn about place value; we have been able to look at negative numbers up to any six-digit number!

Year 6

Year 6 have had an amazing first few weeks to the term. We are really proud of how they already starting to show mature attitudes towards learning, leading and caring for others. Interviews on Wednesday absolutely blew us away – we were super impressed with effort, determination and confidence. Congratulations to all applicants and we cannot wait to get our new Junior Leadership Team up and running!

In Maths, Year 6 have been strengthening our long multiplication skills. To become even better at this, we are going to continue to practise using Times Table Rock Stars and Diamond Dash!



In Literacy, we have been practising writing sentences that describe character and atmosphere. We have also been practising writing sentences with different starters. These will all help us when we come to write our action stories next week!

We are also enjoying our theme of 'Treasures' and are exploring ancient Egyptians through History lessons, our class book and we have also virtually visited Egyptian landmarks in Geography lessons. We have also been observing the scientific effects of our 'mummified' oranges.

Important dates this half term:

4th October Wakefield Museum Workshop (held in school)

5th October : Outdoor Learning Day (please wear warm clothes – we will be outside all day!)

18th October: Bikeability Week (please return letters ASAP)





Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Sep 27
Reception Class constructed a conker chute. Lots of scientific discussions, questions and teamwork #EYFS #JCACurriculum #problemsolving #Language #teamwork



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Sep 28
Year 5 were amazed to see how many countries were allies in World War II #JCAgeography #JCAgeography #JCACurriculum



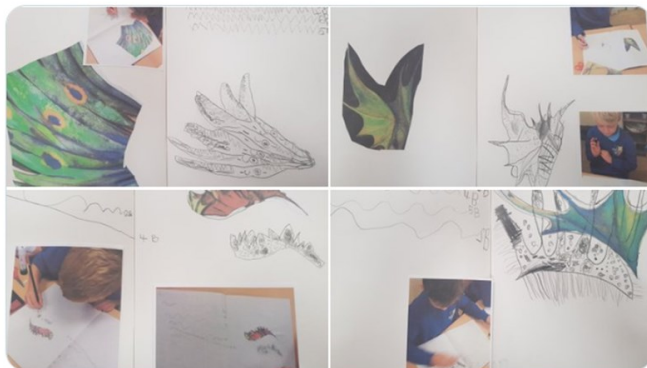
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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Sep 29
We are so proud of all of our applicants today in our Junior Leadership Interviews. They demonstrated confidence, JCA learner traits and leadership. Congratulations everyone 🍀 looking forward to JLT 2021!



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Sep 29
Our core text is also inspiring our art project in Year 1. We enjoyed sketching dragon wings from the book this afternoon. @JackieMorrisArt



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Sep 29
Maths in action today! Fabulous engagement and application of our learning about the number 3! #EYFS @WhiteRoseMaths #JCACurriculum



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 2h
We are so impressed by the ambitious vocabulary chosen by the children for Dress as a Word Day! Great imagination and wonderful words everywhere! @JCEnglishHub



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Dates for Your Diary

INSET DAYS

1st November 2021

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Parents Evenings

23/11/21 and 25/11/21 – Parents' evenings

22/3/22 and 24/3/22 – Parents' evenings

Reports

3/12/21- Progress check out to parents

20/3/20 – Progress check out to parents

15/7/22 – End of year reports to parents

Theme Days/Weeks

Wc 18/10/21 - History Week

3/03/22 - World Book Day

wc 4/4/22 – Theme week

wc23/05/22- Creative Arts week

Performances

3/12/21 – Reception Activity Morning

7/12/21 (am) and 9/12/21 9am) – Reception nativity

13/12/21 – Christmas carols around the tree

14/12/21 (pm) and 15/12/21 (am) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity

16/12/21 Christingle at Wrenthorpe Methodist Church

15/06/22- Art gallery evening

05/07/22 & 7/07/22– Creative Arts evenings

w/c 18/7/22 – Celebration week

Sports Day

24/6/22

8/7/22 Reserve Sports Day

Summer Fair

25/6/22 (TBC)

We will continue to assess how events take place throughout the year. We hope to invite parents and visitors into the academy to share and celebrate with us and will keep you posted!