



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents

Classes have been so busy this week! The children have been embedding and deepening their learning on their class theme and are simply brimming with knowledge and enthusiasm! From incredible writing outcomes in Year 1 who, describing their maps with geographical knowledge, to the enthusiasm for Ancient History shown by children in Year 3 who just can't stop writing about the Stone Age and archaeologists.

There have been a phenomenal number of children passing their Diamond Dash levels this week! Brilliant perseverance from them all! Classes have also been busy creating Christmas decorations for our Jerry Clay Christmas Tree.

Interim Reports

Following on from our Parents Evenings last week, we have today sent out Interim Reports for children in Years 1-6. We hope you find them a useful indication of your child's progress so far this year.

Reception Christmas Activity Morning

It was absolutely brilliant to welcome our Reception parents to school for our Reception Christmas Activity Morning. We were so pleased to be able to invite parents in to share in the Christmas crafts and make magical memories together in the academy. Preparations for our other Christmas events are well under way and we can't wait to see you there.

Phonics Screening Check

We are so proud of our Year 2 children who all performed BRILLIANTLY in their Phonics Screening Check this morning! They were absolute superstars! A massive thankyou to the whole phonics team in school and to our amazing parents for all the reading and practice at home. Brilliant team work!

Have a good 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.

Week beginning: 29nd November 2021 Well done!

Year 1– Lyla Lomax

Year 4—Piotr Ziolkowski

Year 2– Leo Hanson-Palmer

Year 5– Kyle Spence

Year 3– Charlie Bromby

Year 6—Jack Asquith



Christmas

Christmas is coming!

Our Christmas trees have arrived and rehearsals for our Christmas performances are underway and sounding great! I wanted to share with you some of the special Christmas events that will be taking place in the run up to Christmas.

Reception Activity morning Friday 3 December , 9:15 - 10:15am

Reception Nativity Tuesday 7 December , 9:30 - 10:30am

Thursday 9 December , 9:30 - 10:30am



Carols around the Tree Monday 13 December, 3:30—4:00 pm

All invited! Join us on the school playground for this magical Christmas event. A chance to join in some Christmas songs and see some creative and musical performances. Our PTA will be there to provide you with a hot drink. We can't wait!

Year 1 and 2 Nativity Tuesday 14 December, 2:00—3:00 pm

Wednesday 15 December, 9:30—10:30 am

Wednesday 15 December, 2:00—3:00 pm



School Christmas Dinner Wednesday 15 December

Christingle Thursday 16 December at Wrenthorpe Methodist Church

Our staff will be walking the children in each key stage to the Methodist Church for the Christingle. Parents are not able to attend this event.

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 17 December

The children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform on our last day of term.

Class Christmas Parties Teachers will be in touch with arrangements for each class's Christmas Party.



Where we are inviting parents into the academy for Christmas events we are taking measures to ensure we do this as safely as possible including limiting numbers at indoor performances. In line with our current risk assessment, and for everyone's safety, please could I request that you do not come into the academy if you have any symptoms of Covid-19. We request that you do a LFD test on the day of the visit and advise you to wear a mask. Thank you.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

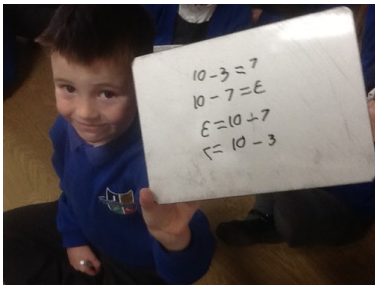
Year 1 have had a busy couple of weeks of learning, they have been really striving to be the best in all that they do and we are so proud!

In Literacy, we have completed our amazing dragon maps and shown the dragons around. We have completed some superb writing to describe it, applying our Geographical language and directions to make this really spectacular and detailed!

In Maths we have been learning all about subtraction, including different methods such as: crossing out pictures and counting back on a number line. We have also been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

In Science, we learnt about the story of King Midas which helped us to

consider the different good things and bad things about materials. We are hard at work with our D&T project, designing our dragon machines whilst thinking carefully about the materials we would like to use when we make them!



Year 2

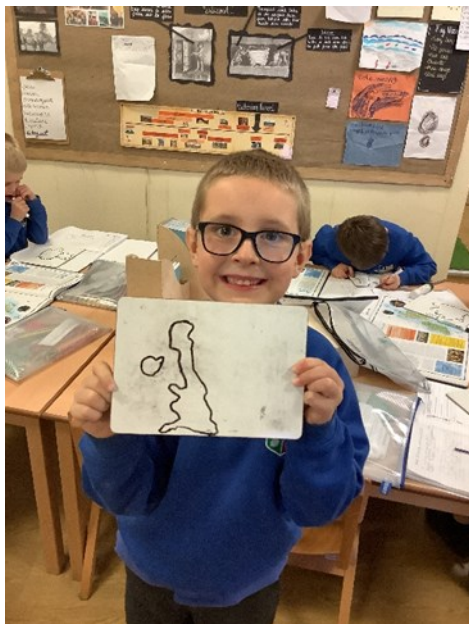
Year two have had a brilliant two weeks and are beginning to enjoy the festive period! We have started to rehearse our Nativity 'This is Bethlehem' with Year One and we cannot wait to share it with you!

In Literacy, we have been striving to write our own non-chronological report about coal mining. We have enjoyed challenging ourselves to organise our sentences into paragraphs and write in an informative style.

In Maths, we have continued our learning on addition and subtraction. Our

new challenge is column addition! We have now become confident in partitioning our tens and ones to add two-digit numbers to 100! In our morning challenge, we have also been focussing on our 2,5,10 and 3 times tables.

In History and Geography, we have continued our learning on coal mining. We discovered where coal mines were located around the UK and created a timeline of key events in mining history.



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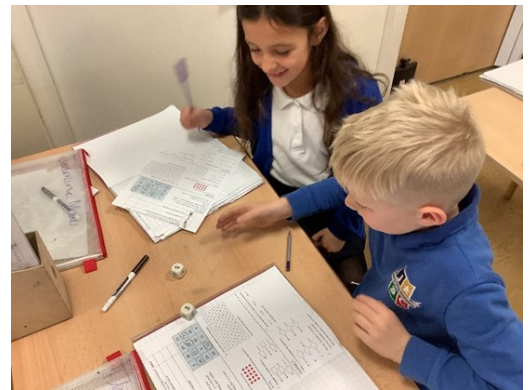
Year 3

Year 3 continue to keep striving and are spreading some extra Christmas magic across their learning.

In Maths, we have shown phenomenal perseverance with our multiplication and division learning. The children have been increasing their fluency on the 3- and 4-times tables and we have carried out a range of activities to showcase our knowledge in class. We have also had an astounding number of Diamond Dash passes!

For Literacy, we have published our recount writing and have just started exploring our new core text of 'The Secrets of Stonehenge.' The children have been learning in-depth on how Stonehenge was built and were able to sequence events from the story with super understanding.

Our learning on the Stone Age has moved onto the Bronze Age in History this week. We have gathered lots of facts and begun to understand why bronze was used instead of stone for tools and weapons. In RE, we have looked at the festival of Passover where we posed some lovely questions on the story of Moses and how this links into the Jewish festival.



Year 4



Another fantastic couple of weeks in year 4! The children have been thoroughly engaged in all our learning this week, particularly in History where we have been learning all about who the Anglo-Saxons were and what life in this time period would be like. From this, the children have shared their opinions on if they would have liked to have been within this time period and explained why or why not. This understanding has also been replicated in their literacy where they have produced some excellent persuasive letters which they have wrote to a family member to encourage them to wish to make the journey to Britain.

Finally, in Maths, we have been looking at finding the perimeter of a shape. The children really enjoyed drawing their own shapes and solving the perimeter practically before utilising this knowledge to find the perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes.

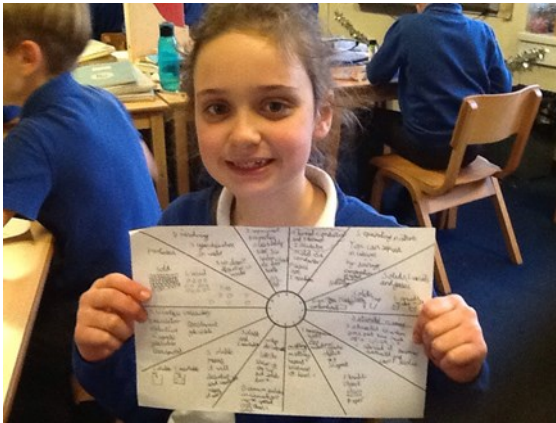


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Year 5

Yet another fantastic couple of weeks in Year 5. As we come to the end of our theme about World War 2, we have been learning about some of the key battles that defined the outcome of The War. In addition to this, in Literacy, we have been building up to writing our own stories about the issues that animals had in The War using 'The Emergency Zoo' as inspiration.

In Maths we have been working on our problem solving skills with multiplication and division. We have finished learning about Materials in Science and have completed the retrieval clocks that you can see in the pictures.



Year 6

Year 6 have been working so incredibly hard in all areas of the curriculum. In Literacy, we have been refining our grammar skills and writing newspaper reports based on events in our core text, 'Secrets of a Sun King.' We have thoroughly enjoyed our core text 'Secrets of a Sun King' and will now be reading 'A Christmas Carol' in the lead up to Christmas.

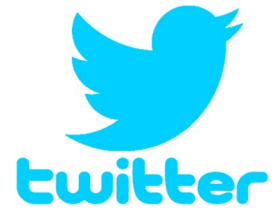
In Maths, we have continued to deepen our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages – we will be continuing this for the next fortnight. Y6 have now learnt all of the arithmetic methods and have brought home a purple guide to all of these methods – please use these to support revision throughout the year.

During Geography, we have been learning about rivers and flooding. Do you know how dams work and some of their advantages and disadvantages? We have also designed and created Christmas Tree decorations and hung these on our JCA tree.





Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 22h
 Year 5 have produced great retrieval tasks to complete our Materials science topic. Lots of knowledge shared. #JCAscience



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Dec 1
 In Year 3 we have been mastering our 3 times tables with lots of interactive games! We have been so impressed with how much the children's knowledge is progressing #maths



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Nov 30
 Year 6 have been working hard to find percentages of any amount. We have created our own success criteria so that we can remind ourselves when we revisit this. #JCAMaths



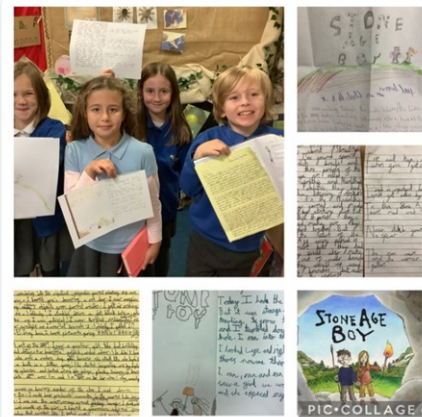
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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Dec 1
 Our creative curriculum in #EYFS is in full swing with a focus on emotions, expressing ourselves and self regulation #edutwitter #JCACurriculum



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Dec 1
 Year 3 have been inspired by their core text Stone Age Boy to write narratives, information texts and poetry. Great examples of writing at school and at home. @JCA_Reading



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You Retweeted
Matt Goodfellow @EarlyTrain · 22h
 Nice one, Evie! 😍😍

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 23h
 Evie from Year 1 has been so inspired by our visit from poet @EarlyTrain that she has been writing her own poems at home! Amazing!! 🌟👏👏
 #Inspired



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Dates for Your Diary

INSET DAYS

Monday 6th June 2022

Monday 25thⁿ 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

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 and pm) – 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!

