



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers

It has been great to welcome the children back to the academy for an exciting summer term ahead. How can it be that time already?! Classes have started work on their new themes and to find out about their new core texts as well as striving with their learning in all areas of the JCA curriculum so that the children are ready for their new year groups in September!

We are also looking forward to our exciting summer term events—which will be able to take place in more of a normal way this year! - including school trips, our Year 6 residential, Sports Day and our Summer Fair! On the evening of Wednesday June 15th we will be inviting you into school for our Creative Arts Gallery to see the outcomes of our Creative Arts Week. We will also be putting on Creative Arts Performances for Key Stage 2 in July and each class will be holding a Celebration Assembly for parents and carers in the last week of the summer term!



Communication and Language in EYFS event in school.

On Thursday, we welcomed visitors to school to find out about how developing communication and language in the Early Years is an essential foundation for a strong future. The children in Reception class were just fantastic in how well they engaged in their child-initiated learning relating to their theme of life cycles.

Parent Trustee vacancies

We have two vacancies coming up for Parent Trustees on our Governing Body. More details to follow.

Teaching Assistant vacancy

We are currently advertising for a teaching assistant to work at Jerry Clay from September. Please do point any candidates in our direction. I would love to speak anyone who might be interested in the post. Our teachers and teaching assistants work so closely together to provide the very best education and support for our children and we are excited to add a new member to our team!

Singing Assembly with Wakefield Youth Choir

We had a wonderful singing assembly on Wednesday led by Mrs Whitlam leader of the Wakefield Youth Choir. She coached us in great singing technique and had us singing 'Music Makes You Come Alive!' in just 20 minutes! Mrs Whitlam has invited children in Year 4,5 and 6 to come along for a taster session at Wakefield Youth Choir a prestig-

ious choir for children age 9-18 that takes place at Manygates Education Centre after school on Wednesday. Contact me if you would like any more information. Scan here to listen to our great singing on Twitter

@JCAWakefield

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. Well done!

Week beginning: 25th April 2022

Reception - Erin Earl

Year 1– Valentina Black

Year 2– Edie Kent

Year 3– Jessica Brook

Year 4– Tinus Esterhuizen

Year 5– Isabel Bolton

Year 6– Benji Hangula



Our campaign for excellent attendance

Attendance winners -

As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97%**.



Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	95.81%	96.55%
Year 1	98.67 %	97.96 %
Year 2	98.67 %	97.08 %
Year 3	95.33 %	96.94 %
Year 4	99.33 %	98.97 %
Year 5	98.00 %	97.20 %
Year 6	94.19 %	95.82 %

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%

ACTUAL – 97.06%



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have had a super first week back and have loved welcoming Leaf into our classroom! We followed his footprints on Monday to find out all about Leaf – the polar bear – and where he lives (in the woods with lots of leaves). We have enjoyed immersing ourselves in the story Leaf and using vocabulary from the story in our small world play and writing this week.



In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and have been looking carefully at different patterns that we notice when doing so.

In Geography we have identified the polar regions and drawn the equator onto our own world maps and during RE this week, we have been learning the parable of The Good Samaritan and what this teaches us about being a good, kind person.

Key dates:

Year 1 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park: Wednesday 4th April

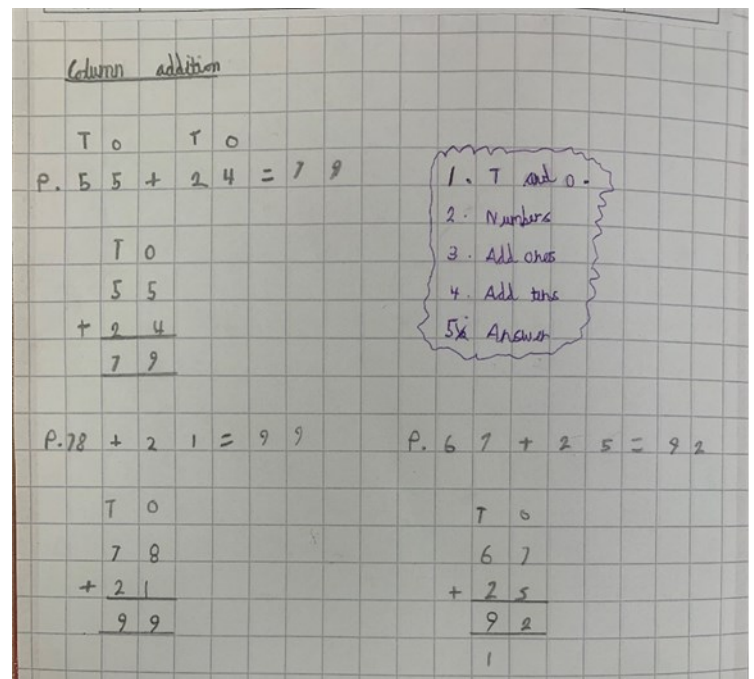
Year 2

What a fantastic start to the summer term! Year Two have come back to school eager to challenge themselves and strive in their learning!

In Literacy, we have been exploring our new core text 'Grandma Bird'. We have developed our vocabulary through our adjectives and used them to start writing a detailed setting description to describe Grandma Bird's house. In Literacy, we have strived really high this week in our reading lessons. We have been persevering to read longer texts and use our skimming and scanning skills to help us answer questions.

In Maths, we have really persevered to master using the column addition and subtraction method to add two 2 digit numbers. We created our own steps to success to help us remember the key steps with exchanging when crossing tens. Then we have applied our skills to solve word problems too! We have also been exploring fractions, learning how to find fractions of shapes and using our division skills to find fractions of number.

In P.E, We started exploring our new skills for our tennis focus. We enjoyed using the racquet to control to tennis balls and develop our hand eye coordination.

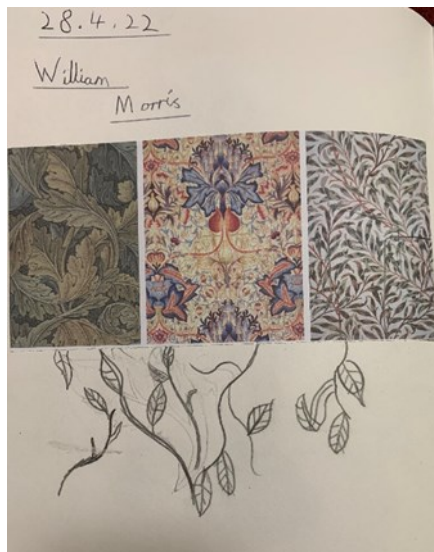
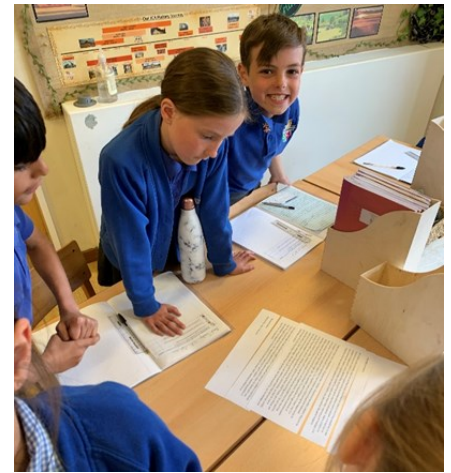


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Year 3

What a brilliant first week back Year 3 have had after the Easter holiday! They have shown great inquisitiveness with our new theme 'The Great Outdoors', asking what different topics we will be learning that will link into this.

In Literacy, we looked at our new writing genre of a persuasive letter and pieced together a good example to identify the key features and structure. We have also introduced our new book 'Charlotte's Web'. The children used clues from the front cover to predict the title of the story and what might happen. We then read our first chapter and interpreted the text to create a character profile on Fern Arable.



In Maths, we have started to explore fractions and the children have showcased some excellent prior knowledge. We have really been persevering with our use of vocabulary and reasoning to answer questions on halves and quarters.

In Art, we have begun looking at our artist focus of William Morris and the techniques he used for his floral wallpaper prints.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a lovely first week back after the Easter holiday. We have introduced our new book 'The Railway Children' where the children have used the clues from the front cover to consider what the story will be about. They have also been extremely inquisitive in History when asking questions regarding the Industrial Revolution and have started to find out about a range of different inventions that were pertinent during this time period. This links to

our new theme of 'Grand Designs,'

In PE, we have started to develop our racket skills so that we begin to develop our tennis knowledge. The children were extremely focused when developing their hand-eye coordination where they used their control to play the ball forehand to their partner.



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Year 5

A super start to our new theme, 'Lift Through A Lens'! We have loved retrieving our prior knowledge of Space and already have a wealth of knowledge to build on! We have started to look at the artwork of Space artist, Peter Thorpe, and are already starting to think about our sewing final piece- watch this space!

In Literacy, we are learning about adventure stories using our new core text 'The Jamie Drake Equation' and in Maths we are building on our fractions and place value knowledge by learning about decimals.

We have also loved seeing our learning from last term documented in two fantastic new published writing displays!



Year 6

Year 6 have had an excellent start to the Summer term. They have been striving in all lessons, showed fantastic teamwork skills and demonstrated confident leadership skills. We have been working hard on revising our Maths skills and have enjoyed a Maths hunt outdoors. In Literacy, we have been practicing using speech so that we can use this to make a story more exciting. We have also been writing setting descriptions and spent time finishing our class book, Wonder.

We have also been consolidating some of our Spanish learning and starting our Science topic of 'Light'. We will soon be launching our new theme of 'All the World's A Stage'.

Key dates :



Year 6 SATs week: Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May

Residential Meeting: Thursday 19th May 5:30 pm.



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Apr 26

Application of our counting in 2s knowledge in Y1. On a number square, number line, counting stick and guess the number game "Is your number in the twos, so does it end in 2, 4, 6, 8 or 0?" Amazing! @WhiteRoseMaths

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Apr 26

In Year 3, we pieced together an example of a persuasive letter. We identified its main features and will be using these to write our own persuasive letters surrounding our new core text #JCALiteracy

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 3h

Wonderful child initiated Mathematical development opportunities in our EYFS #MathematicalDevelopment

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 11m

Year 4 had lots of fun this afternoon in PE developing their control and hand-eye coordination to prepare themselves for tennis #JCAPE

You Retweeted

Jerry Clay Academy Reading @JCA_Reading · 4h

We have so many new graphic novel titles to share with the children, thanks to @darling_reads - here are just a few of them. These have FLOWN off the shelves!!!! #JCARreading



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 21h

A big thank you to Mrs Whitlam from @WakefieldMusHub for our fantastic singing assembly today! We loved learning 'Music makes you come alive!' It does! #WakefieldYouthChoir

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Dates for Your Diary

INSET DAYS

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Additional bank holiday—Monday 6th June 2022

Parents Evenings

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

5/4/22 and 7/5/22 – 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

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



Jerry Clay Academy

Child Protection & Safeguarding

The designated **Child Protection Officers** for this academy are:

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