

Accomplishing great things at JCA



Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been an exciting week with a real spotlight on learning in History, when Year 1 visited the medieval Pontefract castle, Year 3 enjoyed an outdoor day learning about pre-historic civilisations and Year 4 held an Ancient Greek Olympic games. We have also seen some incredible progress in writing this week with emotive story telling from Year 2 based on the core text 'Town by the Sea'.

Junior Leaders

Our Junior Leaders have begun their leadership journey by setting out what they would like to achieve over the year and leading assemblies to recruit Playground Pals, Librarians, Tidy School Ambassadors and Worry Buddies. The children show such commitment and passion for working together to make Jerry Clay a happy and amazing place to be.

Harvest

On Tuesday next week, we will be holding our Harvest Festival to show gratitude to everyone who helps to grow and harvest the food we eat. We would be most grateful if you could donate some tinned or packet food (non perishable) for our Harvest collection for CAP (Christians Against Poverty). Please bring in donations on Tuesday.

Holidays in term time

We are very upset at the number of requests we are receiving to take children out of school during term time. Please note that request for absence during term time will not be authorised. Missing school is extremely detrimental, creating learning gaps and making it much more difficult for children when they return. If you do need to request leave of absence for the children in exceptional circumstances, please ask in the school office for a Holiday form to be sent to you via ParentMail. This ParentMail form now replaces the paper form and should be sent at least 6 weeks in advance to allow us to consider the request.

PTA

Halloween disco next Thursday. Reception and KS1

Fancy Dress Swap Shop - Open on Monday and Tuesday. Swap a costume, save money and save the planet

PTA Pledges - Please send in your Pledge of support for the PTA.

PTA AGM - Thursday 3rd November 6pm in the academy. Please put the date in your diary. If you come to one meeting this year, please make it this one. Your PTA needs you!

Have a great weekend everyone.

Kind regards, Mrs C Elliott, Headteacher



Special Mentions

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!

Special Mention of the Week Commencing 3rd and 10th October 2022	
YEAR 1	Delilah Knowles and Isobel Cooney
YEAR 2	Lyla Lomax and Valentina Black
YEAR 3	Amrita Mann and Teddy North
YEAR 4	Nevaeh Dutton and Jessica Brook
YEAR 5	Evie Brown and Eve Williamson
YEAR 6	William Trickett and Scarlett Black

Attendance winners

As you know as a school we continue to focus on excellent attendance as this is essential for children to make the best progress. As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**

Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
RECEPTION	95.16 %	96.69 %
YEAR 1	97.93 %	97.57 %
YEAR 2	96.67 %	97.65 %
YEAR 3	96.00 %	97.10 %
YEAR 4	96.67 %	97.90 %
YEAR 5	100.00 %	94.57 %
YEAR 6	98.28 %	97.95 %

97% +	AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET
BELOW 95%	CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS
90% & BELOW	PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

97.40%	WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET
96.17%	ACTUAL

Early and After School Club

7 DAYS NOTICE REQUIRED



Here at Jerry Clay Academy, we pride ourselves in offering a safe and nurturing, high quality wrap-around care service to support our children and families, with a popular Breakfast Club and After School Club.

Please ensure bookings for Early and After School club are made using our booking service at least 7 days in advance to allow for appropriate staffing levels at the club.

Please contact schoolclub@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk or phone the school office with any queries.

Thankyou.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

RECEPTION

On Monday, we read *Pumpkin Soup* by Helen Cooper and discussed the key themes of friendship and sharing. We revealed an enormous pumpkin grown locally in Mrs Rex's allotment! The children thought it felt extremely cold to touch but it would be a good idea to cut it open and taste it! During the week, the children enjoyed creating magical pumpkin soup recipes in the giant cauldron, tapping nails into pumpkins using real tools such as hammers and goggles, painting in the style of Yayoi Kusama and creating a pumpkin leaf collage using the beautiful Autumn leaves. They have also continued to build interesting structures in the construction area using torches to cast shadows as well as develop narratives with the characters in the doll's house and pumpkin fairy small world.

In **Literacy**, the children are drawing and writing their own pumpkin soup recipes and shopping lists. In Read Write Inc. Phonics, we are continuing to learn set 1 sounds and blend sounds together to form words such as 'mat, sat, mad, pin, tap' on magnetic boards. We are also striving to use key vocabulary in our play such as 'pipkin' and 'stir'.

In **Maths**, we are learning all about the number 4 so that we can accurately count objects into our pumpkin soup recipes. The children have also learnt a rhyme to write the number 4 'down and across and cut it in half'.

In **PE**, the children became robots and created a robotic dance mirrored with their partner. On Wednesday, we introduced the children to our new climbing wall. They can't wait to practise traversing across the challenging area building strength, balance and agility in preparation for writing.



In **Music**, we have been learning to sing 'Peter Hammer' and '1 finger and thumb'. The 'finger disco' has been extremely popular this week with lots of smiles and laughter. What an incredible week of learning!

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 1



A super fortnight in Year 1 as we have deepened our understanding of the purpose of castles. We have learnt about the features that help defend a castle from an enemy attack. In **History** we have drawn castles to show all of these important features and labelled our own Year 1 castle outside.

It was fascinating hearing about Medieval castles first-hand on our visit to **Pontefract castle** on Tuesday! We had an amazing time and amazed the teachers there with our fantastic history knowledge! Our favourite parts were flying around the castle grounds as baby dragons and even exploring the dungeon!



In **Maths** we have been comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equal to. We have been learning The Hungry Alligator song to help us understand how to show this using symbols!

Our **Art work** is looking fantastic and we have been experimenting with using a range of watercolour techniques and line styles to add details and delicate touches to our art work.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 2

What a busy two weeks in year two! We have demonstrated our inquisitiveness and questioning skills throughout our mining theme to extend and challenge our learning.

In **English**, we have completed our hot write retells of 'Town is by the sea' and are ready to publish! We have really strived to think about the impact of our writing on the reader to help us reflect on our choice of vocabulary and literacy devices used.

In **Maths**, we have started our new unit on addition and subtraction. We have explored number bonds to 10 and how we can apply them into adding 3 numbers. We have used a variety of manipulatives, including ten frames, part whole models and place value counters to help us represent and add numbers.



In **Science**, we have continued our learning on living things and their habitats. Our focus this week is food chains, investigating how living things depend on each other for food and energy.

In **Art**, we have applied our colour mixing skills to create tints and tones for our Art work background.

KEY DATES

**Friday 11th November -
Trip to the National Coal Mining Museum**

**Tuesday 22nd November -
Parent workshop**

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 3



Year 3 have been so busy with their learning the last two weeks and they have achieved so much!

Our **outdoor learning day** allowed us to explore everything about the Stone Age, from chronology and fire lighting to flint knapping. We took away so much fascinating information and it was amazing to see the phenomenal knowledge the children could retain!

In **English**, we have been exploring Mary Anning and collating all of our knowledge on her to create our biography plans. We will be writing our biographies this week and showcasing all of the skills we have learnt so far.

In **Maths**, we have tackled even more number lines and estimated where numbers belong. Our learning on place value has concluded with our hot maths where we demonstrated everything we have learnt so far this term.



KEY DATES

Wednesday 16th November
Parent workshop

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 4



We have had a fantastic couple of weeks in Year 4! The children continue to strive with their learning and have shown great maturity and care as they apply for all the new roles in school.

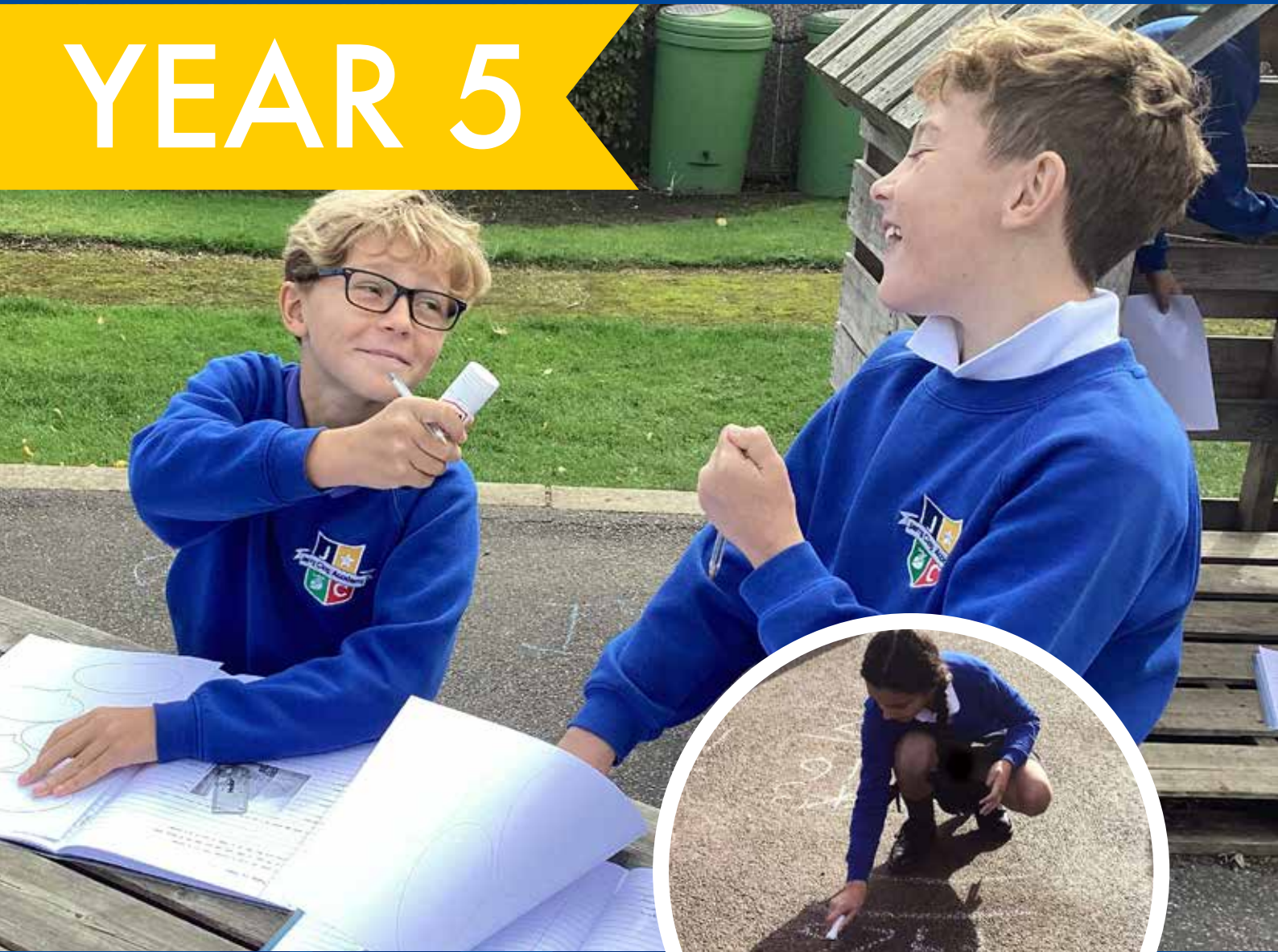
In **Maths**, we have started addition and subtraction, they have blown me away with their success at adding and subtracting with exchanging. This is something I am sure will continue as we delve deeper into the concept.

In **English** we have created our hot writes for our Greek myths. The children have worked very hard to include: similes, expanded noun phrases, alliteration as well time adverbials. They are brilliant and we cannot wait to publish them next week.

We hosted our very own **Olympic Games** this week. We looked at the difference between the modern games and Ancient Greek games and then took part in some of the events such as javelin, discus and even horseracing! The winners were also rewarded with their own wreath as they did not have medals in ancient times.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 5



Year 5 has had a great couple of weeks as they continue to wow me! They are really enthusiastic about our topic, **The Great Divide**. We have explored the allies and axis of WW2, The Blitz and how the war ended. We have also made fantastic recipe booklets whilst thinking about the required and rationing during WW2.

In **Art**, we have sculpted clay tiles of a lighthouse, linking with our core text; 'Letters to the Lighthouse'

In **English**, we have started to learn about the features of a newspaper report and how we can use them. We have used role play to gather our quotations and explore how we can turn these into direct and reported speech.

In **Maths**, we have been learning how to apply different mental strategies to addition and subtraction calculations so that we can answer questions quickly and confidently. We have also explored inverse operations and understand how this can help us check our answers.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 19th October
Eden Camp Museum

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 6



Year 6 have had a fantastic couple of weeks. We have had our **Outdoor Learning Day** with Eden's Forest where there was an opportunity to develop our bushcraft skills whilst furthering our learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We have also learnt about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb this week!

In **English**, we have developed our writing through action stories. We have explored different ways to grip the reader.

In **Maths**, we have learnt about the four operations and have focused this week on multiplication.

KEY DATES

w/c 17th October
Bikeability

Tuesday 8th November
Trip to Leeds City Museum

Highlights of the Week from Twitter

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 11 Oct

WOW - Year 1 have had a fantastic day at @PontesCastle @WFMuseums The day started with a swoop around the castle with libert the dragon, listening to his story! "I'm soaring!" #JCACurriculum #JCAHistory 1/3

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 10 Oct

Development of fine motor control & the use of tools in Reception today using pumpkins @JcaWriting

PIC-COLLAG

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 11 Oct

Year 4 loved taking part in different Ancient Greek Olympic events this afternoon such as horse riding, discus and javelin. We then awarded the winners with a wreath and looked at how the events have changed compared to modern day. @HistoryJca #JCAPE

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Jerry Clay Academy Retweeted

JCA Physical Education @JcaPhysicalEdu · 17h

Today we came second in the Tag Rugby Tournament 🏆 The team went unbeaten, scored the most tries and showed all of our learner traits. What a fantastic afternoon. @JCAWakefield #tagrugby

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 16h

Here are some of the fantastic pictures from Year 3's Outdoor Learning Day! We explored shelter building, flint knapping, fire lighting and chronology on a timeline, all linked in with our current theme of the Stone Age. A huge thank you to @edensforensic 🌿 #JCAHistory

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 11 Oct

Brilliant to relaunch our Worry Buddies for this year. Today we had time to reflect as a whole school on the importance of our mental health @JCA_PSHCE #MentalHealthAwarenessDay Mental health is so important to us at JCA & is integral to everything we do, day in & day out!

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Dates for Your Diary 2022–23

INSET DAYS	Monday 5th September 2022
	Tuesday 6th September 2022
	Friday 18th November 2022
	Monday 24th July 2023
Parents Evenings	Thursday 8th September 2022 – Meet the teacher 3:45 – 4.05 and 4.10-4.30
	Tuesday 29th November and Thursday 1st December 2022– Parents’ evenings
	Tuesday 21st March and Thursday 23rd March – Parents’ evenings
Reports	Friday 25th November 2022 - Progress check out to parents
	Friday 17th March 2023 – Progress check out to parents
	14th July 2023 – End of year reports to parents
Theme Days/ Weeks	Wc 17/10/22 – Theme Week
	Thursday 2nd March 2023- World Book Day
	wc 27/3/23 – Theme Week
	wc22/05/23 - Creative Arts week
Performances	2/12/22 – Reception Activity Morning
	6/12/22 (9.30am) and 7/12/23 9.30am – Reception nativity
	12/12/22 – Christmas carols around the tree
	13/12/22 (9.30am) and 14/12/22 (2pm) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
	15/12/22 Christingle at St. Annes (AM)
	14/06/23- Art gallery evening
	04/07/23 (Evening) & 5/07/23 (Afternoon)– Creative Arts performances
	w/c 17/7/23 – Celebration week
Sports Day	30/6/23 (7/7/22 Reserve Sports Day)
Summer Fair	1/7/23 (TBC)

Child Protection & Safeguarding

The designated Child Protection Officers for this academy are:

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