

Accomplishing great things at JCA



Friday 10th February 2023

A half term full of rich learning & brilliant progress!

We have seen our children really blossoming across this half term and it has been fantastic to see. This week our children have all had the opportunity to produce their end points to their units of work. This has included a brilliant Paddington Breakfast for Year 1 yesterday. It was an absolute joy to see our children celebrating their learning and reading their work. It certainly represented the magic of childhood.

Thank you once again for your support this half term. We have felt this in abundance, from coming to library times, supporting with home learning, speaking on the gate and attending our workshops. This is what makes Jerry Clay a wonderful learning community and one which we are very proud of!

Wishing you all a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20th February.

With best wishes,
Mrs. T Swinburne
Executive Headteacher & Trust Lead



We would like to launch our first cycle of curriculum coffee morning for this year. Our subject leads will have the opportunity to share the details of their subjects, explain what learning looks like for their subject and look at lessons in action. There will be hot drinks and lovely treats too, as we give you all a clear insight into our curriculum.

History



Spanish



Art



Maths



English



The workshops will run from 9am on the dates shown below:

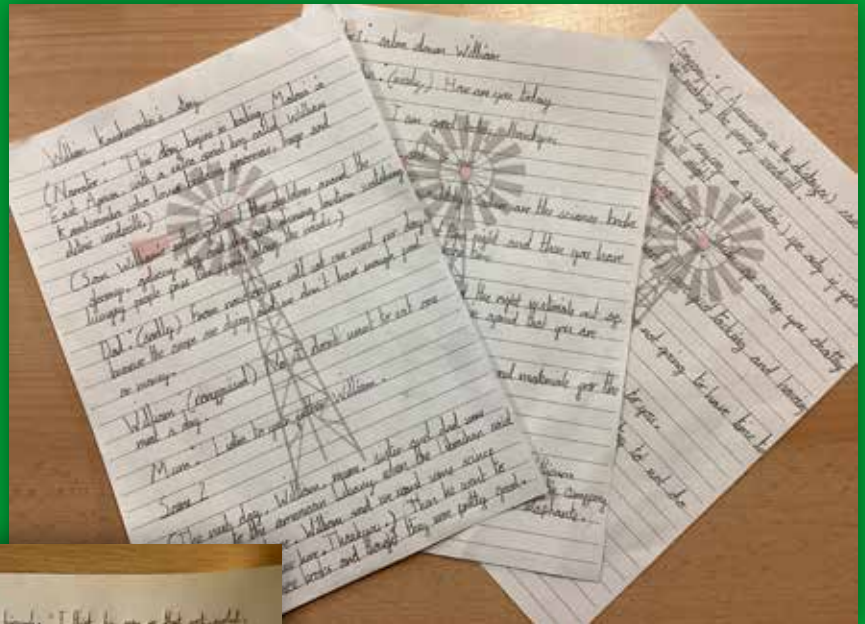
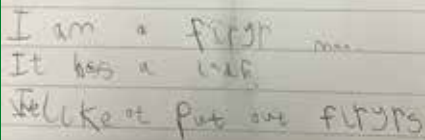
Maths - Wednesday 1st March

History - Tuesday 21st March

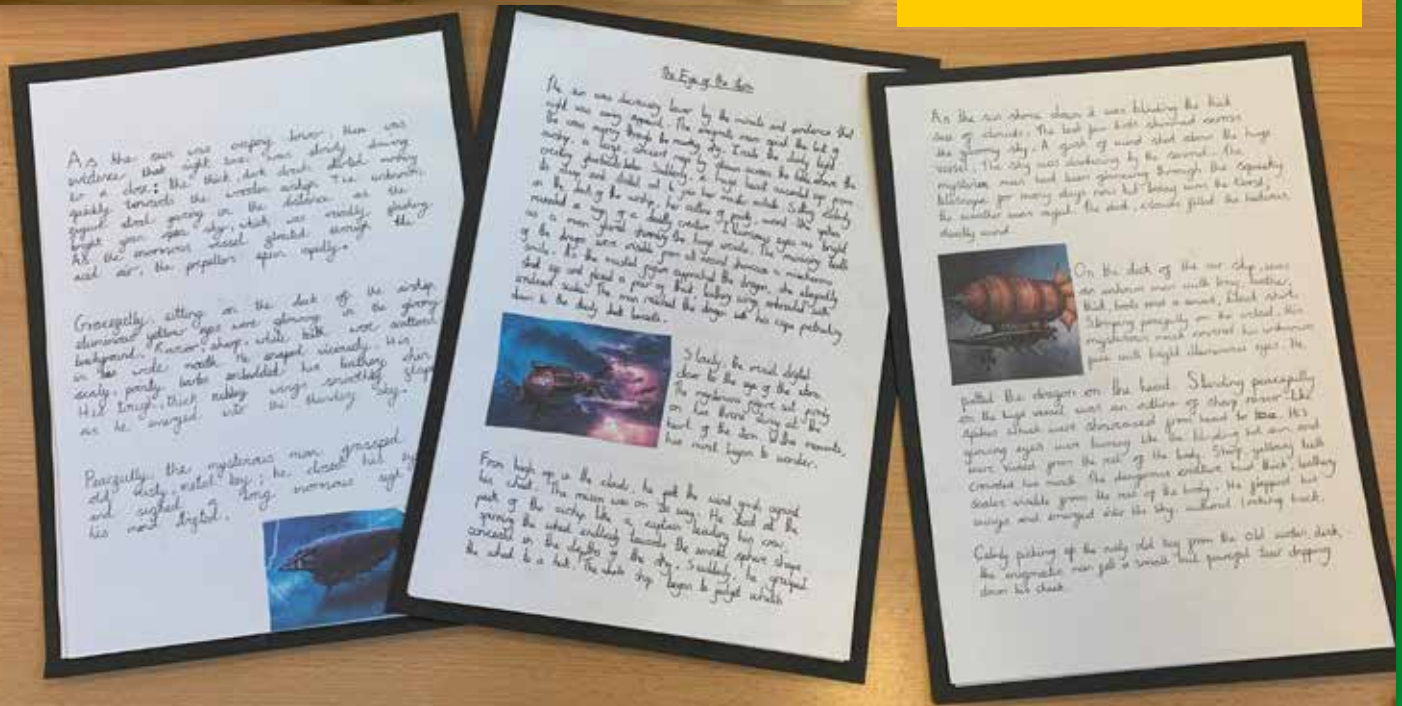
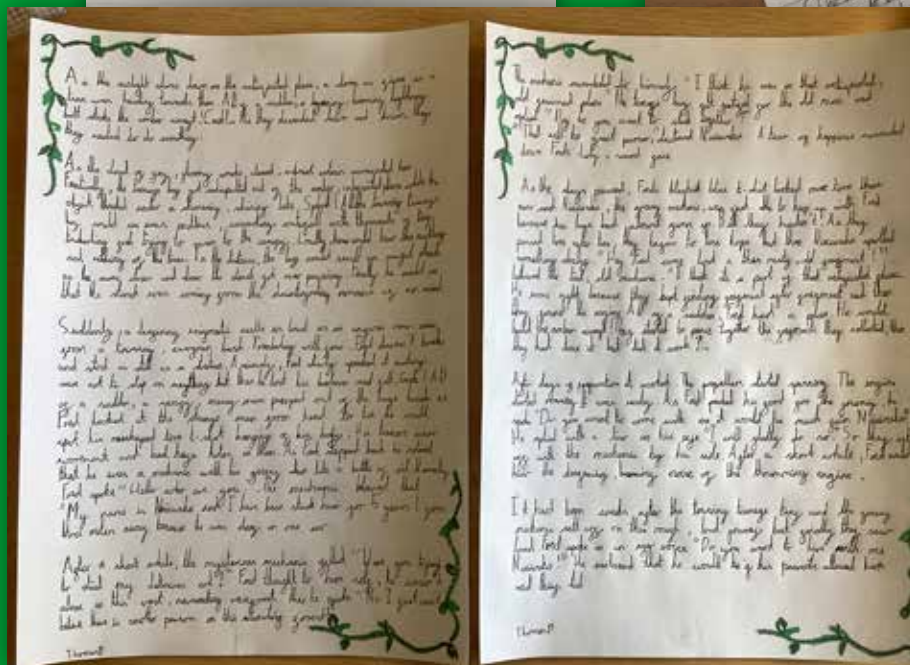
English - Wednesday 26th April

Spanish - Wednesday 14th June

Art - Tuesday 27th June



As a whole school, we have been on a big drive with improving our writing. We have been focusing on our spellings, handwriting and ensuring quality sentences. Have a look at some brilliant writing, right across the school from Reception to Year 6.



Sporting Success

Jerry Clay Academy were winners once again in the **Girl's Football Tournament** last week! At the Wakefield Football Centre, they competed against 11 other schools. Despite drawing the first game 0-0, the girls were victorious in the remaining games to lift the 'Champions League' trophy.

All of the children that represented our school absolutely embodied our learner traits, particularly 'teamwork' which they showed in abundance!

Well done to: Mia, Taylor, Gabby, Amira, Florence, Jana, Lilliana, Annabelle and Nevaeh!



The Boy's Football Team won their tournament against 11 other schools from across Wakefield! The boys lifted the 'Champions League' trophy as top scorers in the competition! We were so proud of everyone! In fact, not only did they win the tournament but many staff from other teams commented on their skill as well as their respect for other teams.

Well done to: Ryder, Josh, Theo, Alex, Nataniel, Ralph, Harry Sn, Hisham and Isaac!



It is our passion that as many children as possible get a chance to experience our wide variety of sporting opportunities in school. We look forward to more tournaments in the near future.

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 Mentions for the week ending 10th February 2023

RECEPTION	Ella H
YEAR 1	Ayda B
YEAR 2	Zoey M
YEAR 3	Isabelle H
YEAR 4	Charlotte W
YEAR 5	Oliver B
YEAR 6	Claudia S

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	98.03%	95.55%
YEAR 1	95.67%	95.12%
YEAR 2	100.00%	97.14%
YEAR 3	89.33%	95.43%
YEAR 4	89.67%	95.73%
YEAR 5	94.00%	96.22%
YEAR 6	92.41%	95.36%

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

97.40%	WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET
95.80%	ACTUAL

RECEPTION

People that help us

On Monday, we discussed the different types of people that help us in the community including Doctors, Mountain Rescue, Dentists, Fire fighters and Policemen. The children have been concentrating on learning about fire fighters in preparation of a pre-planned visit from Ossett Fire Station. The children have been busy drawing and creating model fire engines as well as writing 'Action Word' sentences about the emergency services.

Physical Education

In PE, the children relished climbing and travelling on, through and over the large apparatus building core body strength and fundamental movement skills.

Mathematics

In Maths, we are learning about measuring time so that we can find out how long it takes to navigate the ski / toboggan course. The children have learnt how to use stop watches to 'time' their partner perform different actions as well as complete the ski course. Throughout the week, we have been playing a game called 'high five, high ten' and have learnt all about the numbers 9 and 10.



RECEPTION

Skiing and tobogganing

This week, the children continued to build ski courses with different difficulty levels to reflect the black, red and green ski runs down the mountain. We have also been striving to write signs! The children enjoyed creating a ski lift pulley system out of milk containers and rope as well as building a magnificent toboggan course. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning. The children are really shining brightly and applying their knowledge to create their own fabulous play projects.

Literacy

In Literacy, we are learning to write words and simple sentences so that we can write about the people that help us in the community. The children have also been designing their own ski slope passes, posters and signs to use in 'Ski School'.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 1



Year 1 have enjoyed the last fortnight of their Paddington theme, and especially loved sharing some of their learning with you at our Marmalade morning yesterday. Thank you to all of you that were able to attend and create some special memories with your child!

We have now published our letters to Aunt Lucy beautifully, striving so high to complete these with 100% effort, striving with our vocabulary and our very best handwriting.

During **Maths**, we have been comparing and ordering numbers. We have really enjoyed developing our understanding of numbers in depth this half term, including the way we describe and see numbers in different ways.

We have loved developing our knowledge of significant people this half term in **History**; over the half term we have found out about the lives of Queen Victoria, Florence Nightingale and Rosa Parks. We have considered their impacts on society today, from the inventions during Victorian times that we still have today to the impact of Rosa Parks on helping to create an equal society today.



KEY DATES

Thursday 23rd February

Visit to Mosque

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 2

Year 2 are continually impressing us with their learning journey! They are enthralled in our current learning and keep striving higher and higher!

In **English**, we have written, critiqued and edited our final versions of our African stories inspired by 'Pretty Salma'. To improve our writing, we have reflected on the structure of the story and how this impacts the reader's feelings and engagement in our story. We can't wait to publish our stories and share them with you!

In **Maths**, we have continued to explore our unit on multiplication and division, using a variety of manipulatives to represent our methods. This week, we have practiced sharing to divide into equal groups and used sentence stems to talk through our method. Through our stepped approach, we discovered the number sentence is commutative!

In **Art**, we have experimented with different media to explore our colour palette for our African masks. Inspired by our focus artist 'Lubaina Himid', we mixed primary colours to create bright, bold secondary colours. We reflected that water colours wouldn't be a suitable media as they weren't as bold and bright as acrylic!

In **Geography**, we have applied our knowledge of physical and human features to compare the similarities and differences between Wrenthorpe and a South African village. In **History**, we have researched Nelson Mandela and why he is a significant person in history. We discovered he was a philanthropist and was the first black president of South Africa.



KEY DATES

Monday 20th February
Visit to Wakefield Cathedral

Thursday 16th March @9:15am
Year 2 Parent workshop

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 3



What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had to round up our half term! We have completed so much learning and showcased an abundance of enthusiasm.

In **English**, we have been refining our editing skills to ensure that we could make our hot writes on 'The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind' the very best that they could be. We have enjoyed publishing these play scripts and cannot wait to share these with you on our parent workshop day. Our new core text of 'Arthur's Golden Rope' has been introduced at the start of this week and we have been enthralled reading about Arthur's journey into the land of the Vikings.

For **Maths**, we have completed our topic of Multiplication and Division where we have shown outstanding perseverance with some of the most challenges strategies learnt yet in Year 3! We have looked at flexible ways to partition in order to divide larger numbers and used concrete resources to develop our understanding of remainders.

In **Art**, we completed our final Celtic amulet designs linked to the Vikings. We focused on rotating and repeating patterns, making sure to use our artist of Michael Carroll to refer back to for inspiration. We then will be carving our intricate designs onto clay to reach our end goal of a Viking amulet.

In **Geography**, we have been using atlases and our local knowledge to find Wakefield on a map. We created a mini fact file to explain which continent, country, region and county Wakefield is in.

KEY DATES

Thursday 23rd February @ 9:30
Year 3 Parent Workshop

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 4



What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had in year4. I have been beaming with pride at their learning attitudes as well as their brilliant work!

In **English**, we have just finished our unit on 'The Explorer', the children have worked extremely hard to create a fantastic story all about a boy being lost in the amazon rainforest. They have strived to include: expanded noun phrases, adverbs and varying sentence structures to build suspense.

In **Maths**, we have just begun our unit on fractions, the children are already impressing me with their knowledge of the unit as well as how eager they are to find out more!

In **Art**, we have taken inspiration from our focus artist John Dyer to create beautiful rainforest scenes using acrylic paint on canvas.

The children worked hard to create a bold vibrant piece carefully selecting colours and understanding how the paint would settle on canvas.

In **Spanish** we have loved learning all about pets in Spanish, we have learnt stories, organized sentences and even sang a song about pets!

We were also lucky enough to visit the outdoor library with Mrs Pickersgill, the children loved being challenged to find a story for their friend and then cuddled up read even in the wind!

KEY DATES

Tuesday 28th February
Gurdwara trip

Wednesday 8th March
Parent Workshop

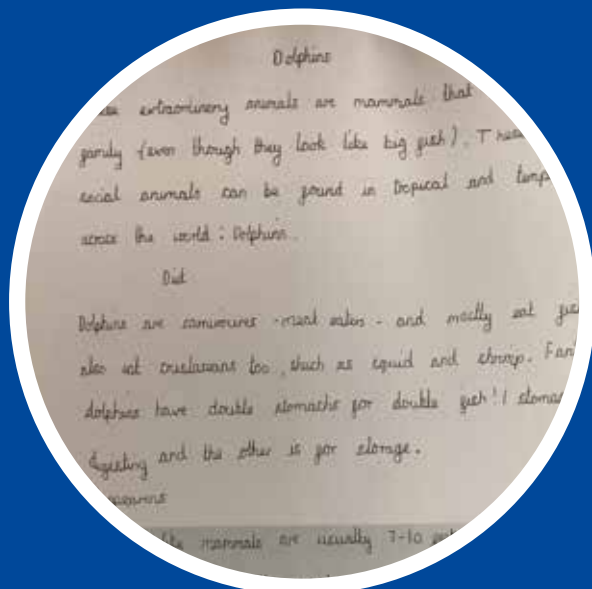
Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a great half term and have continued to make us proud with their attitude towards learning, determination and focus. We have explored our theme of 'What is the Difference Between Living and Surviving?' by writing explanations about our chosen animal. The children included parenthesis, technical vocabulary, and fronted adverbials in these writing pieces. Using our explanations, we each created our own documentaries.

In **Maths**, we have learnt different types of multiplication and division methods. The children then chose the most efficient method for their calculations/ problems. We have also learnt how to multiply an integer by a fraction.

Year 5 have blown us away with their progression in **Geography** - they have all been striving to be the best they can be. They have loved locating and identifying different capital cities and have built a great understanding of longitude and latitude.



KEY DATES

Friday 22nd March
Parent Workshop

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

YEAR 6



Year 6 have worked incredibly hard over the past 2 weeks. We have continued our theme 'Does Adversity Make You Stronger?' by learning about tsunamis and completing various case studies. As well as this, in **History**, we have learnt about the Invictus Games and the positive impact that this has on the people involved.

In **English**, we have completed our writing for Year 2 about tsunamis; we are looking forward to sharing these now!

In **Maths**, we have learnt algebra and really persevered with this. We have also started to retrieve key facts about statistics.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 15th March @9:15am
Year 6 curriculum workshop

Date TBC Trip to Community of Resurrection in Mirfield

Kindness in abundance, as a JCA family donates a defibrillator to our school

We are absolutely in awe of the kindness demonstrated by a Reception class family. Verity Crossley Gaunt and her family have very kindly paid for our very own defibrillator. This will be for the use of JCA and the sports teams (that use the space at weekends) should we ever need it.

The defibrillator is placed at the side of the hall and is within easy access for us. David Gaunt said "it is something we are really passionate about and felt that we wanted to give back to JCA". We are truly thankful.

Special thanks also goes to James Lee (Oscar's dad) for coming out on a Saturday morning to electrically fit this for us so quickly. We feel so lucky to have such a supportive community.



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 5h ...
Thank you [@jca_pta](#) & everyone that supported such a fun event 🕺🕺
[#JCADisco](#) 🎵



JCA Physical Education @JcaP... · 5h

Brilliant dancing at the disco last night. Thank you so much to our [@jca_pta](#) for organising such a successful event. Thank you to all parents for supporting too. We have a brilliant community. Amazing fun!



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 1d ...
Year 1 can't wait to welcome families to their Paddington breakfast tomorrow. They will be sharing some of their outcomes too! Here is a peak of their wonderful writing [@JcaWriting](#)



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 1d ...
Such awe & wonder in outdoor library today. Year 6 had a chance to pass the blurbs around the circle to decide which book they would like to find. Organised by our brilliant Mrs Pickersgill ⭐ Such rich book talk! [#LoveBooks](#) [@JCA_Reading](#)



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 21h ...
What a magical morning Year 3 had at their Viking workshop with [@WFMuseums!](#) Learning an abundance of knowledge surrounding the Vikings. We used our Viking skills to investigate artefacts and find place names linked to their settlements 🏰
[#handsonlearning](#)



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 20h ...
What a fantastic Year 1 Paddington breakfast! We are really proud of our children! Thank you to everyone that supported our children & their outcomes today. [#JCACommunity](#)



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
	Monday 28th November and Wednesday 30th November 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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