



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter



Issue 6: Friday 3rd November 2017

Hola!

Spanish week

Spanish week has been absolutely fantastic this week. It has given the whole school an opportunity to use Spain as an impetus for all our subject learning this week. Please see the year group reviews within this newsletter to read about the vibrant curriculum your children have experienced this week. The week's finale was a fiesta in the playground, where we all performed our flamenco dance and played music. Immersing our children in the culture of Spain has really captured our children's creativity and imaginations.

Disco

A big thank you must go to our PTA who organised another fabulous Halloween disco. The children (and adults) had a ball. Thank you to so many of you that were able to stay and help. It is always appreciated.

Important AGM PTA Meeting on Tuesday 3rd November

The Annual General Meeting for the PTA is on **Tuesday 7th November 6.00pm** in school. There will be a report from the treasurer on how much we have raised for the school and how this was spent. We will also discuss the highlights over the last 12 months, along with any future planned events. We would like to welcome you all to this event. We will also be electing a new chair and would love to recruit new members. All of you are very welcome.

Development of our National Support School

As JCA develops into the next stage of its journey, we are looking to ensure that we, as a school continue to make sure we are excellent (and constantly improving), as well as being able to help support many other schools in our region. We are currently advertising for a Head of Teaching and Learning, who will be non-class based, but will cover in lessons from time-to-time, lead on teaching and learning developments and support the leadership team in the effective development of the academy.

As we continue to build capacity in our team, I am also pleased to report to you all that Mr Palin has been promoted as an Assistant Headteacher. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Mr Palin on this well deserved promotion.

Open Morning on Saturday 11th November

Please tell any of your family and friends with pre-reception children that we are hosting our open morning on **Saturday 11th November at 10am until 12pm.**

Kind regards,

Mrs. T Swinburne



Spanish week at JCA



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

The last 2 weeks have been filled with lots of learning but Year 1 have particularly enjoyed learning about Spain in Cultural Week. Every morning we have sung 'Estrella del dias' to sing 'star of the day' in Spanish!

This week we have been researching lots of facts about Spain and have particularly focussed on the Canary Islands.



On Monday we learnt about Spanish cuisine and cooked a Spanish omelette.

We learnt to say all our ingredients in Spanish. In Art, we used Picasso as our inspiration to create a portrait using everyone's facial features.



We have also been learning about Spanish cultures. On Thursday we had a fiesta with some Spanish music and dancing and learnt how they used piñatas to celebrate lent. We counted how many hits it needed to break open in Spanish!

Miss Mitchell & Miss Belford

Year 2

Spanish week has been brilliant in Year 2! We have spent the week learning about Valencia and have found out lots of information about the city. This information has been put into a report which we published. We have also learnt about 'La Tomatina' festival where we were surprised with what it actually was! Very messy indeed! One of our favourite things was learning our Flamenco dance!



Throughout the week, we have also enjoyed learning lots of Spanish vocabulary such as how to greet people, numbers and colours. We have also learnt one or two songs to remind us!!

Mr Palin & Mrs Fitton, Mrs Rex & Mrs Khan

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed Spanish week, particularly in English we have been learning about the Story of Ferdinand. The children have really engaged in this book and understood the characters and main events, where they have then retold these events and produced some detailed character descriptions.

In Geography, we have been comparing the Spanish city Seville against a city in England, this being Leeds. Children have conducted their own research using the computers to

identify and share these similarities and differences. Using this knowledge surrounding Spanish cultures and landmarks, along with the story of Ferdinand, the children have then designed and produced a Spanish fans which they have used in their Flamenco dancing



Miss Firth & Mrs Smith

Year 4

Hola! Year 4 have had an enjoyable week finding out about the Balearic Islands of Spain. In Literacy, we have found out about the nature and culture of the three largest islands, Mallorca, Menorca and Ibiza and have written in-

formative reports using factual adjectives. We mixed vibrant colours to paint a scene from the Balearic Islands. We have also enjoyed learning about Spanish food and drink and have tasted some fruity Soft Sangria. We thoroughly enjoyed learning a Flamenco Dance and have been practising our Spanish songs, Eschushad y Mirad, Te gusta la chocolate and Chocolate Mollinillo. In Maths, we have been exploring different subtraction methods to discover which were most efficient. Hasta luego!

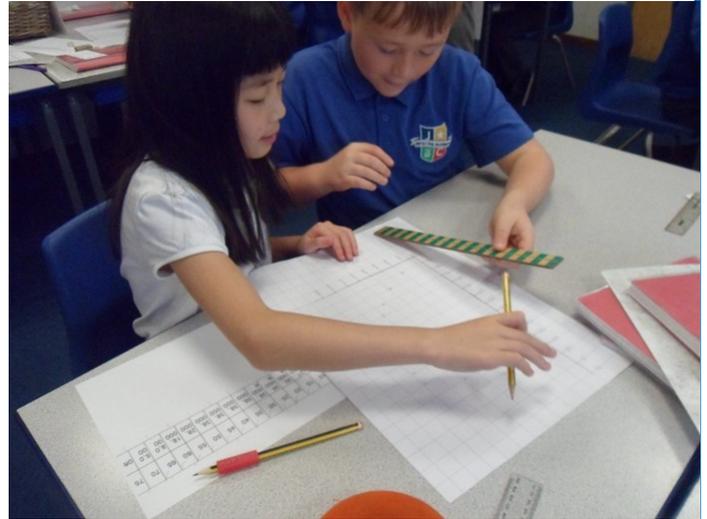


Mrs Elliott & Mrs Hart

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Hola from Year 5! We have spent the week learning about Madrid and have found out lots of information about the population, temperature, key landmarks and time difference. We had a fantastic time learning to flamenco dance with our visitors on Monday. In Literacy, we have been retelling the story of Medio Pollito (half chick) and focussing on our language choices. In Maths, we have been creating line graphs to show statistical information such as



an aeroplane's altitude between Madrid and Barcelona. Adios!

Miss Harling & Mrs Saynor



Year 6

Hola! Well, Year 6 have had a fantastic Spanish Week that has been filled with many different activities. We started the week by creating a giant 3D map of Spain outside using sticks, ropes and paints to mark all the key geographical points of the country. We also, on Monday, learnt a traditional Spanish Flamenco dance. Everybody really enjoyed this and the teachers commented how fantastic the rhythm was in Year 6.



This week we have been focussing on the work of Antoni Gaudi and the inspirational Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. The children have been really enthused by his work and his inspiration behind it. Ask your child about how he died – we were all very shocked!

What a fantastic start to the new term!

Miss Brook & Mrs Wilkinson





Dates for your diary

2017 -18

Open morning

Saturday 11th November – Open Morning for new children

Parents Consultations

7th September 2017– Meet the teacher – 3:45-4:00 and 4:05-4:20

21/11/17 and 23/11/17 – Parents Consultations

13/3/18 and 15/3/18 – Parents Consultations

Reports

11/12/17- Progress checks sent home—Y1-6

9/3/18 – Progress checks sent home-Y1 –6

13/7/18– End of year reports sent home

Theme Weeks

16/10/17 – Cultural week

w/c 26/03/18– Whole school Outdoor Learning
Adventure

w/c 21/05/18- Creative Arts week

Performances

13/12/17 and 14/12/17 – Reception nativity

18/12/17 – Christmas carols with KS2

19/12/17 and 21/12/17 – Year 1 and 2 performance

13/06/18 - Art gallery evening for all

4/07/18 & 5th July 2018 – Creative Arts evenings

w/c 16/7/18 – Celebration week for all

Parent Workshops & Assemblies

8/11/17—Year 2 Mining workshop with parents at 9.15am

8/12/17 – Reception Activity Morning at 9.15am

29/03/18 - Reception assembly – Under the sea

21/03/18 - Year 1 & 2 assembly- Appreciation

Year 1 - 20/06/18 – Year 1 Creatures workshop

Year 3 & 4 – 06/12/17 – History Assembly

Year 4 -7/03/18 – Environmental issues

Year 5 & Year 6- 30/11/17- Historical workshop

Year 5 & 6 - 01/03/18 - Explorer gallery

Sports Day

15/6/18

29/6/18 (Reserve date in case of poor weather)

School trips

These will be communicated via your Class Teacher

Please see your classes 'Welcome PowerPoint' for all key dates on our website.



Jerry Clay Academy

Striving to be the best that we can be

OPEN MORNING



Saturday
11th
November
10am - 12pm



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We would like to welcome prospective parents to look around our outstanding facilities, see some pupils in action and speak to the academy staff.

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