

# Hennock Primary School Newsletter

## *Message from Academy Head*

After the weather throwing a spanner in the works last week it was great to start the term anew this week. There has been much discussion of new starts, resolutions and targets for the term and year ahead. As part of this we have revamped our school learning behaviours. They now read;

I can learn from my mistakes

Challenges help me grow

Effort leads to improvement

We learn from each other

Feedback helps me improve

In Willows this translates as being a stickosaurus, a solversaurus rex, a tryatops, a shareonyx and a thinkodokus.

Over the term we will all be looking out for good examples of these behaviours in action.

***Sarah Reddington***

*Academy Head*

*Hennock Primary School*

*Link Academy Trust*

## Ash Class



We have had a lovely, busy start to the year in Ash Class!

In Maths, we have begun our final Fractions unit, and the children have been multiplying unit fractions, non-unit fractions and mixed numbers by integers.

In English, we have been exploring the non-fiction text *Inspiring Inventors Who Are Changing Our Future*. The children have been working on expanding their sentences by using relative clauses and exploring how the author's choice of punctuation creates effects on the reader.

In PE, we have begun our Health and Fitness unit. The children completed circuit training this week including a variety of exercises such as mountain climbers and tricep dips!

In Art, the children researched the style of Inuit Art and influential artists in this field. They used this information to create mood boards inspired by the artwork.

Finally, we had a visit from our new music teacher for the term - Pat! The children practised finding the beat and had a go at singing "Only You" accompanied by the guitar.







## Birch Class

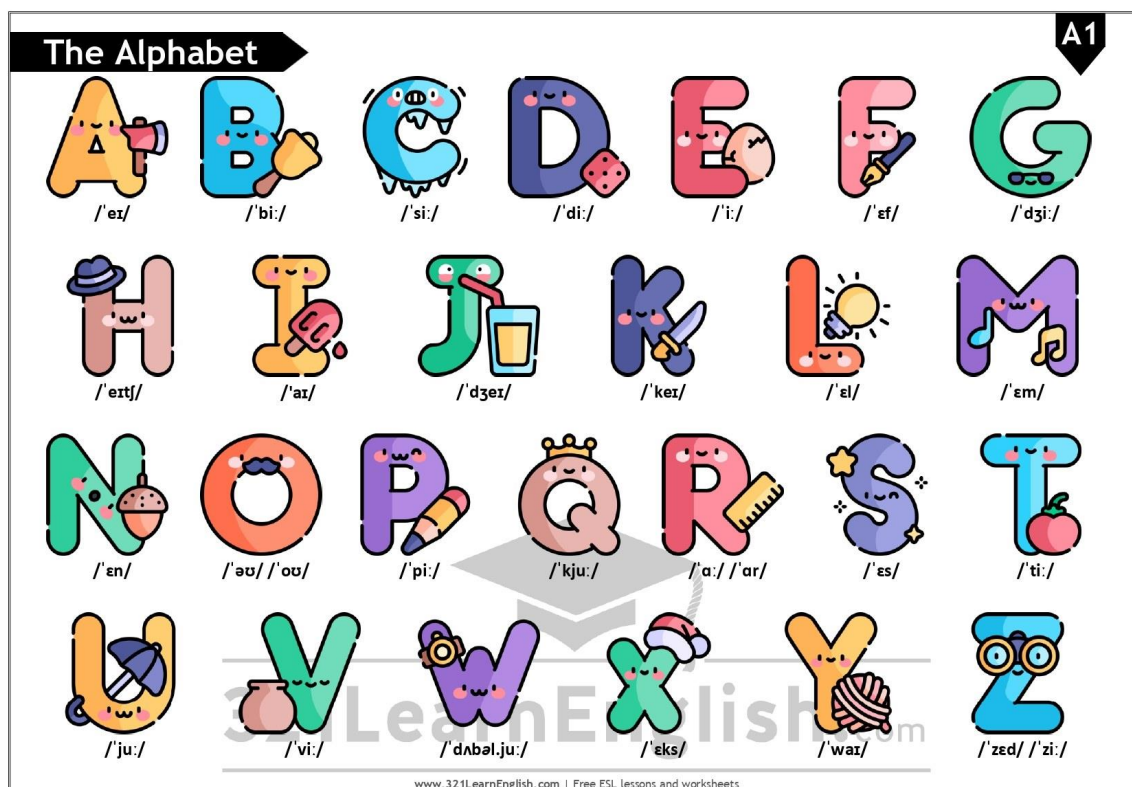


It's been a bit of a whirlwind week after our slightly odd week last week.

It has been great to have the children back, so full of vigour and enthusiasm for their learning and they have started off 2025 well fully immersing themselves in their new topics and I cannot wait to see how they all get on.

Well done Birch on a fabulous first 2 weeks.





In English, we have begun our new text 'The Beasties' which the children have been enjoying immensely. They particularly enjoyed their Pyjama party on Tuesday where Birch was transformed into a slumber den and we told each other our favourite bedtime stories before predicting what we thought would happen in the story of The Beasties.

We spent the rest of the week, assigning actions and writing text maps to help them learn and retell the story, which will help them when they come to writing their own version of the Beasties stories as well as discussing what we liked and disliked about the story itself.

In Maths, we have begun part 2 of Multiplication and Division and we have hit the ground running learning about factors of a number, multiplying 3 digits together and using efficient methods to solve multiplication all of which have been quite tricky concepts to get our heads around.







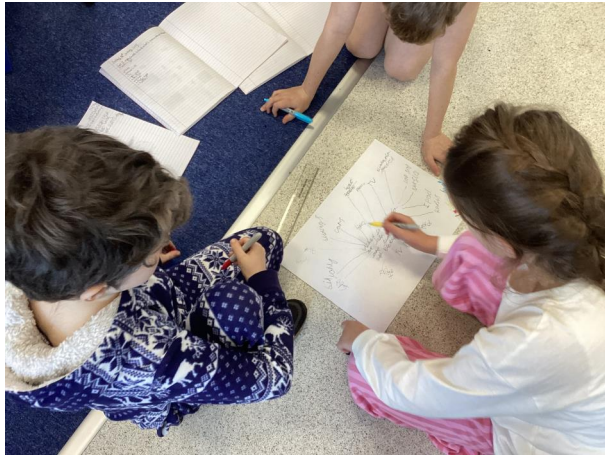
## Wider Curriculum



We have begun our new unit in Science on 'Electrical conductors and circuits' we started the unit talking about how different electrical appliances are powered either through mains power, battery powered or both. We then discussed how different electrical appliances make our lives easier.

In Art, we have begun our new unit called 'VISTA' where we will be learning all about composing and creating landscapes. We started by discussing what a landscape is and then using viewfinders to see what different landscape views we can see around our school grounds. We then chose our favourite and completed a thumbnail sketch.

In History, we have resumed our unit 'Through the Ages' and we discussed how the discovery of Iron changed how people lived in Britain. We found out that it meant people could make harder wearing equipment for farming as well as weapons and it led to more complex inventions that helped make farming more efficient.





### **Upcoming Events in Birch**

P.E. every Monday and Friday - please wear P.E. kit on these days.

### **Home learning -**

Reading for at least 10 minutes daily.

Please practice for at least 10 minutes 3 times a week

Spelling - Spelling checks are on Friday

Times tables - Times table checks are on Monday

Optional Homelearning projects- in Homelearning books



## Willows and Reception Class



We have had a very busy fortnight in Willows class despite a few funny days with the crazy weather. We have been showing off our knowledge in English by finishing our instruction writing unit with some fabulous instructions about how to wash a pet. Both Miss Gentile and Mrs Way are very proud of how well we have listened and learned throughout the unit. In Maths we have been continuing our learning on 2D and 3D shapes. In RE we have begun our learning about Islam and are very excited for our upcoming trip to find out more about a real life Mosque. A reminder to ensure you have either ordered a packed lunch from school or that you arrive with a packed lunch on Monday and come prepared with a weather appropriate coat. In science we have started to learn about plants and trees and how they differ through the seasons. We really enjoyed sharing our home learning in a special circle time last week and we were so super proud to share our hard work and learning with our friends and teachers. If you are able to complete home learning tasks please do send the books back in towards the end of term as we love to see what you have been up to. Home learning for this term will be in bookbags tonight.

In EYFS we have been enjoying and exploring our book "How to Catch a Star" by Oliver Jeffers and have written some very simple instructions so the character can be more efficient next time he sets out to catch one. In maths we have been focusing on length and



measure. In our phonics we are now coming towards the end of our Digraph learning and it would be great if these can be being practiced regularly at home through your reading book. If you need any additional support with this please do ask and we will assist as much as possible. We are enjoying our outdoor area and have been exploring the musical instruments during our independent play.

Have a lovely weekend and look forward to sharing more exciting learning news next week.















## Saplings



We have had a great start to the New Term, Saplings enjoyed making footprints in the snow!

The story we are reading is "How to catch a star" and the children have been sharing ideas of their own on how to catch a star! We have been using of vocabulary similar to the book like, morning, afternoon, evening and night time; as well as earlier, later, too late and too soon. Alongside words like dawn, sunrise, sunset and dusk etc...

In Physical development we are this term, focusing on warming up, throwing and catching.

In understanding the world we are using day and night books to explore what happens when we go to sleep, what do animals do at night, what do plants and how the sky changes colour.

All of Saplings are super stars!



## Toddler Group!

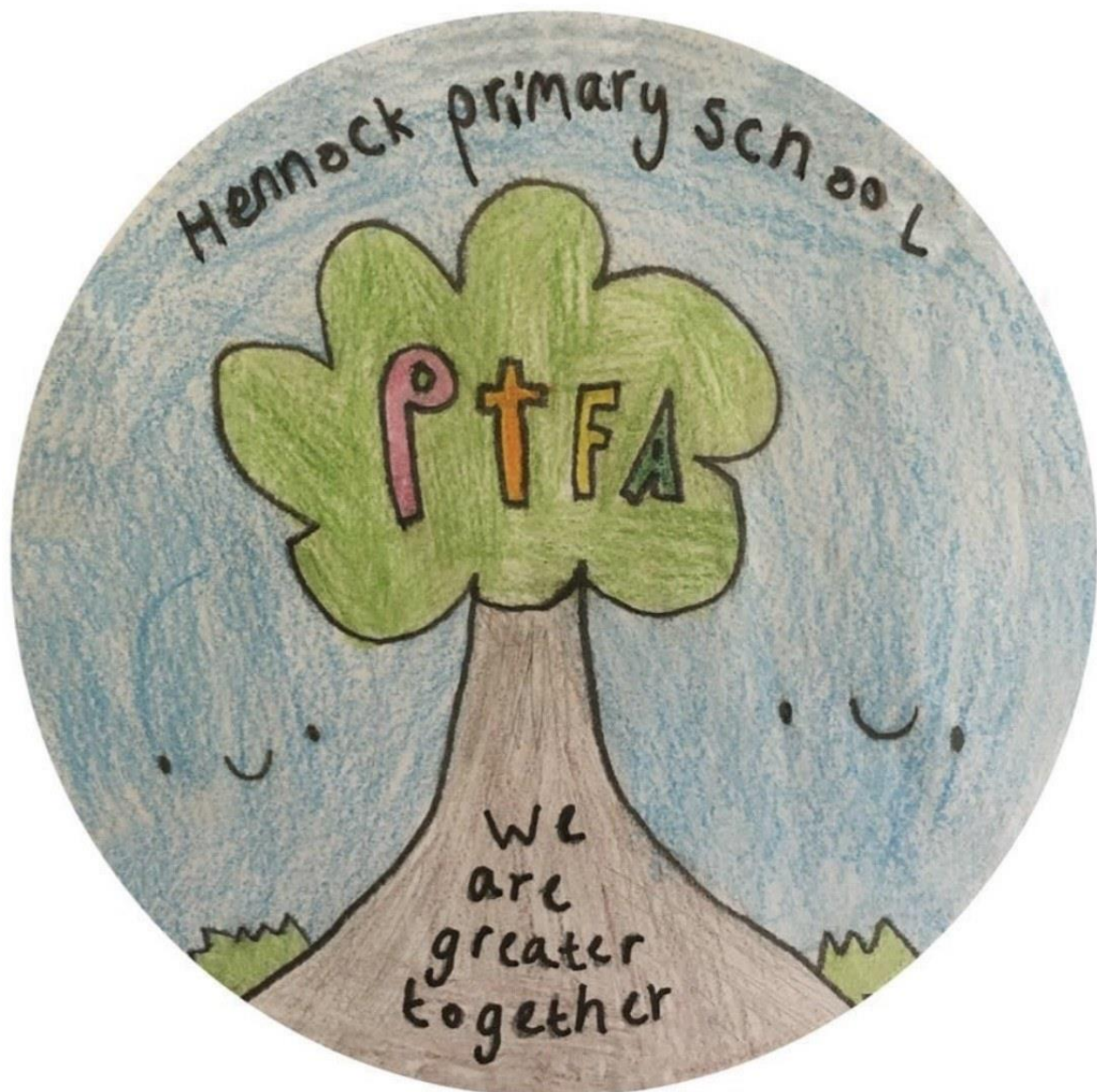


We have restarted our Toddler Group! It will be running from 9.15-10:30am every Wednesday morning.

Starting on Wednesday 15th January. Tell your friends and family to spread the word.  
£1.50 a session. Hennock Primary school. Please call or email if you have any questions;  
adminhennock@thelink.academy  
01626 833233.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends there! We have already made some new friends.

## PTFA Message



Dear all,

We are planning a BIG pre loved uniform clear out! Watch this space for dates when uniform will be available to rummage through before and after school! Take all you want because



otherwise it will be going in the recycling bins! We will also soon be setting a date for our Spring term meeting...we hope many of you can come along!

Many thanks

Sarah and team [Hennocktfa@gmail.com](mailto:Hennocktfa@gmail.com)

Communications Team



Children in KS2 have been enjoying Mr Pierce's Multi-Sports Club! They love it because you get to try out new sports - this student has been particularly enjoying netball!





## *Star of the Week*



### *Star Learner of the Week:*

*17th January*

*Ash: Rudy Birch: Finn Willows: Edith*

### *Dojo Points:*

*Ash: Asa Birch: Rafe*

*Achievosaurus: Benji*

*Playground Hero: Alice*

**Values Star: Lily**

**Pride of School:**

## **Key Dates**

**PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday**

**Willows - Thursday**

**Birch - Fridays**

**Ash - Wednesdays**

- **Willows Class trip Monday 20th January**

**Attendance this Fortnight:**

**Whole School 98%**

**Ash 96.8%**

**Birch 98.2%**

**Willows 99.4%**

## **Attendance Matters**



## PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING

### FIRST OFFENCE

1

The **first** time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child. This will be reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.**

### SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

2

The **second** time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child, to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.**

### THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

3

The **third** time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education.



Safeguarding



Key contacts and useful links



Front Door (formerly MASH) main number: 0345 155 1071

Children's Social Care Emergency Duty Team (out of hours) – 0845 6000 388

Front Door email: [mashsecure@devon.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk)<sup>1</sup>

Our Safeguarding Lead is Sarah Reddington and our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Issy Fraser. If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact Front Door (formally known as MASH) on

**0345 155 1071**

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