

Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from Academy Head

I have a few thank yous this week. In our small school our staff wear many hats and perform many roles. Firstly, thank you to Miss Fraser, our English Lead. Miss Fraser organised a fantastic World Book Day complete with author visit and book signings. The children were all very exciting to meet a real life author and hear her read from her own books!

I also need to thank Mrs Luxton, our Science Lead, who has put together an exciting programme of activities, events and visiting speakers for Science Week next week. She will be introducing the week at assembly on Monday morning so that the children know what they have to look forward to over the week.

Thank you also to all our staff who for World Book Day and Science Week have planned fun and enriching activities for their classes.

And lastly, thank you to all of you for supporting the school in these activities, organising costumes and helping with materials for Science Week activities.

I hope everyone has a very good end of the week and weekend.

Sarah Reddington

Academy Head

Hennock Primary School

Link Academy Trust

Ash Class



We have had a lovely, busy couple of weeks in Ash Class!

In Maths, we have been working on our Decimals unit. The children have explored adding and subtracting numbers with different decimal places and have been extremely successful! I am very impressed with how quickly they have picked it up.

In English, we have been focusing on putting the literary techniques we have learnt in class into practice. The children have been completing some lovely pieces of writing that include dialogue, impressive verb choices, and using "show not tell" to keep their writing interesting for the reader. I am looking forward to seeing how they develop their skills to begin to write their own stories based on *Kensuke's Kingdom* next week.

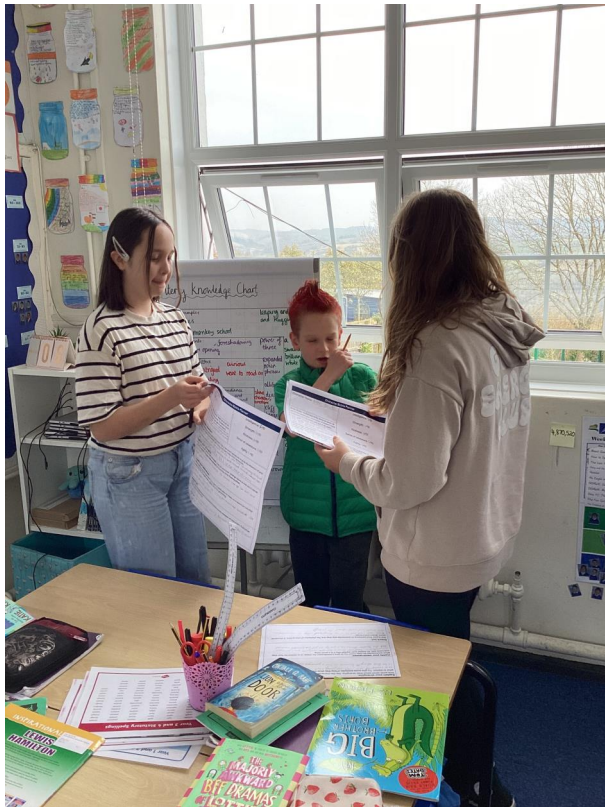
In Science, the children have been studying classification keys and created their own to identify different animals from the polar regions, coming up with 'yes' or 'no' questions to help sort the animals. We then had a go at trying out each other's classification keys to see if we could follow them to identify the different animals.

In Geography, we have continued our work looking at Frozen Kingdoms. The children created information pages about the climates of the Arctic and Antarctic. They then studied polar day and polar night and sorted different statements into "true" or "false".

Lastly, we celebrated World Book Day this week! Ash Class got the opportunity to meet and take part in a workshop with local author Anthea Simmons. She talked all about different openings of different stories and why it is so important to have an effective opening. Lots of children got their books signed by Anthea and were also given the chance to swap their World Book Day vouchers for some books provided by First Draft Bookstore. In class, the children created Top Trumps cards based on their character and took part in the Ultimate Character Champion Battle!

Reminder: Please remember to access ParentPay to pay for our two upcoming trips this half term to Bellever Forest and Torquay Museum. Thank you.





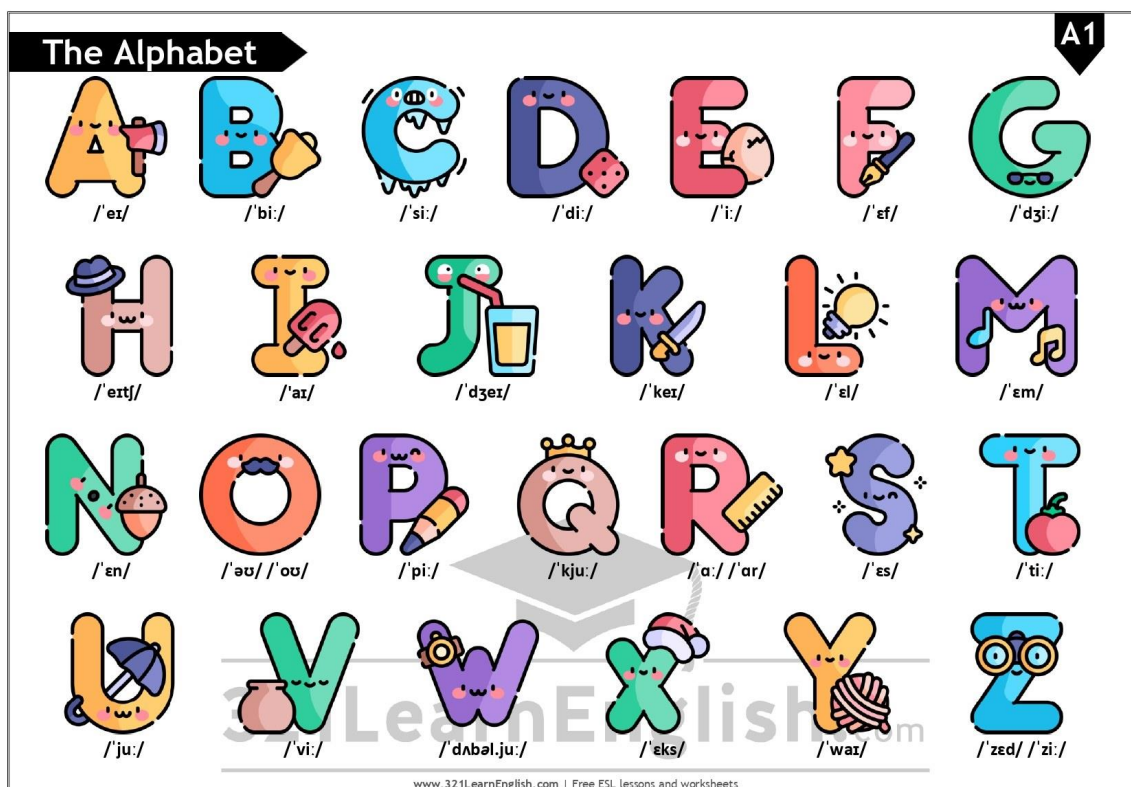
Birch Class



It's been a lovely week in Birch class this week full of fun, excitement and some fresh air in the sunshine, which was a welcome treat.

We had a fantastic World Book Day where everyone had very creative costumes. It was great to see characters from books the children had read and were really keen on. For instance we had a character from Skandar, a character from a series of unfortunate events and a Alex Ryder.

We had a great day where we worked in partners to combine our favourite books and we came up with some ingenious names such as Piggy Ryder, Black Beauty's unfortunate event and The Worst Matilda.



This week in English, we went on a walk around Hennock to inspire our poem 'A Path' in the style of Marc Martin's 'A River' we had a great time trekking through the woodlands, across the moor and through some muddy puddles. The children were coming up with creative ideas as they went and their plans are full of great ideas. I cannot wait for the final result.

In Maths, we have moved on from Length and Perimeter and we are now tackling fractions! The children are very excited as they can remember their fraction learning from the previous year and it's a unit I do always really enjoy teaching.





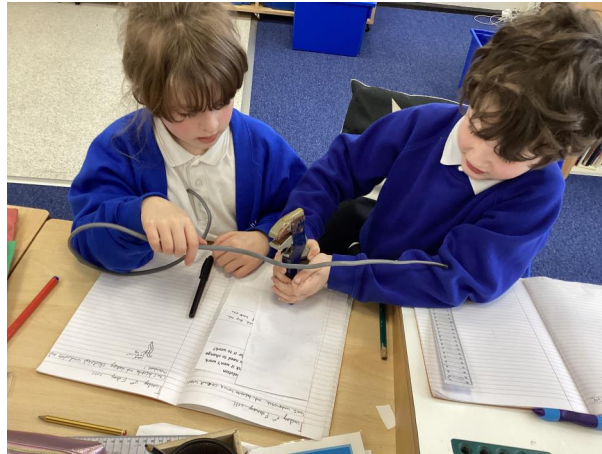
Wider Curriculum



This week in Science the children were exploring conductors and non conductors and they were examining how a cable is safe to hold and what is inside of one. To do this, they used wire cutters to gently remove the outer layer and then remove the plastic covering to reveal the inside.

We then drew diagrams of what we found and labelled the different parts using the new vocabulary we had learnt.





In Art, we completed our landscapes using watercolours and the techniques we have learnt including atmospheric perspective. The children chose a mountainous landscape from inspiration we researched and then made it their own. They did an excellent job and we cannot wait to show you them in our next drop in at the end of the Spring 2 term.

Upcoming Events in Birch

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

25th March - Birch Class Outdoor Activity Day (Information to be sent out)

Birch Tour of the River Bovey - Monday 31st March

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



Another fortnight of great learning has passed and we have been getting stuck into Multiplication and Division in our Maths and our new Fatou Fetch the Water in our English. We have been continuing our learning on plants in Science and starting to delve into Coastlines in our Geography learning.

In Reception we have been working on teen numbers in our Maths and continuing our work on Owl Babies in English. We have been exploring making our own owls in our creative arts and talking about what we want to be when we grow up in our Understanding of the World learning.

Not forgetting the most amazing World Book Day yesterday, enjoying a visiting Author who was able to share a story with us, as well as lots of fun filled book activities. Thank you for all your hard work and effort that went into the costumes the children had a fantastic buzz about books throughout the whole day.

Letters went out yesterday about our upcoming school trip to Dyno Climbing so please make sure you have received it and then send the consent form back to us. Any problems please catch one of our adults. We have been very lucky the last few weeks to have been able to get to know Miss Scholtz and to have her working alongside Mrs Way and Miss Gentile for the next few weeks.









Saplings



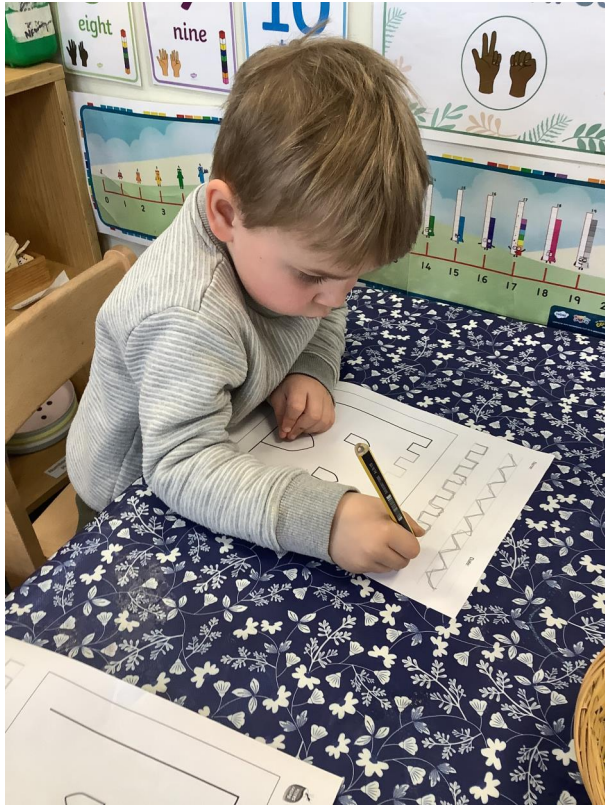
Saplings have been very busy this past fortnight. Our story book, Owl babies and our non fiction book, Owls, was enjoyable for us all. The children have all enjoyed making an owl nest, from materials collected around the school. They have made owl books. Some of the children have been able to write some words like, swoop, fly, owl, vet and food. Saplings also made a model of an owl using playdough. In P.E the children are learning about dance. In R.E we read the story, David and Goliath. In PSHE the children are learning all about calming time. They are learning to breathe through their nose and out through their mouth. They are beginning to use visualisation by breathing in and out colours of the rainbow. They all contribute well in each lesson and can share their life experiences and ideas. World Book Day was great. The children chose their books and were read to by the author who came to visit for World Book Day.

Saplings are a fantastic group of children. All Super stars!









Toddler Group!





Come and join us for Toddler Group, running from 9.15-10:30am every Wednesday morning.

This week we transformed into a Super Hero Group! We had lots of fun dressing up as well as creating some lovely craft.

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,

If anyone would like any Pre loved items of uniform please email the PTFA with your requests and we will see what we have for you to try!

Any ideas for fundraising activities are always welcome and anyone can lead them! It doesn't have to be a PTFA committee member.

Have a great weekend.

Sarah and Team

hennockptfa@gmail.com

Star of the Week



Star Learner of the Week:

28th February

Ash: Malachi Birch: Ro Willows: Alice

Dojo Points: Layla

Ash: Fyrstan Birch: Ro

Achievosaurus: Aiden, Millie

Playground Hero: Freddie

Pride of School: Tommy

Values Star: Mikey

Star Learner of the Week:

7th March

Ash: Finley Birch: Rafe Willows: Jess

Dojo Points: Ro, Finn & Phoebe

Ash: Taya Birch: Rafe

Achievosaurus: Sophie, Eli

Playground Hero: Alice

Pride of School: Ro

Values Star: Asa and Ralph

Key Dates

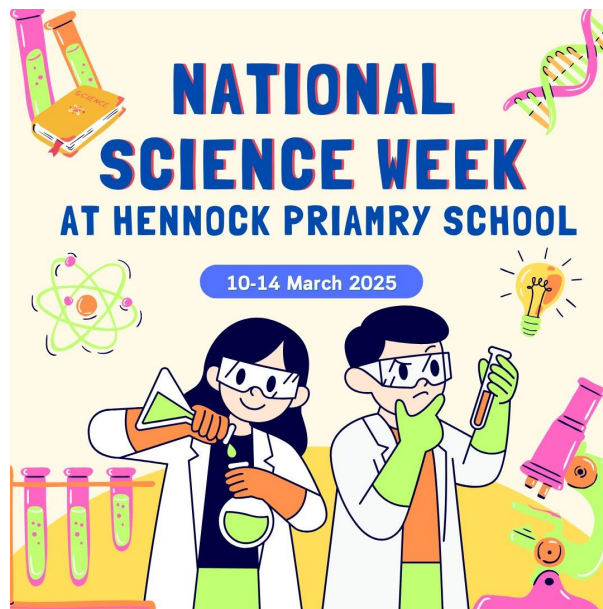
PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday

Willows - Thursday

Birch - Fridays

Ash - Wednesdays

- Music with Pat on Thursdays for Ash and Birch
- All next week - Science Week! 10th - 14th March
- Ash Class Trip to Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust: 19th March
- Willows Class Trip to Dyno Climbing: 20th March



School Attendance

Attendance this Fortnight:

Whole School 96.7%

Ash 96.9%

Birch 95.7%

Willows 97.4%

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.

IF YOUR CHILD IS JUST 15 MINUTES LATE FOR SCHOOL EVERY DAY, IT ADDS UP TO

2 WEEKS

of the school year being missed



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.uk¹

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

¹<mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk>