

Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from Academy Head

As we come to the end of another very busy Autumn term I would like to say a few thank yous.

Thank you to team Hennock. The staff at Hennock all want the very best for every child. They all work enormously hard and pull together to make the school the best it can be. In a small school everyone wears a lot of hats and the multiple roles can be a bit of a juggle at times. Thank you all for managing to keep all the balls in the air.

Thank you to our pupils. Your excellent attitude to learning, pride in our school and care for one another makes us all very proud.

Thank you to our PTFA who give so generously of their time and effort. Their very impressive fundraising makes an enormous difference to the school and has provided for trips, resources and more this term.

And finally, thank you to all our families. Thank you for all your support for and engagement with the school. It has been lovely to see so many of you at our parent evenings, class drop-ins, carols and nativity this term.

I hope that everyone has a very merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Ash Class



What a lovely end to the term we have had in Ash Class!

Over the past two weeks, we have had the Year 5's go and visit TGGs to watch their carol concert, whilst Year 6's have visited Teign School to watch their production of *Annie*! It was lovely to see some old Hennock faces in the cast!

In Geography, we have finished off our unit on *Our Changing World*. The children explored the Global Climate Risk Index and how this gives us information about how different places in the world are affected by climate change and natural disasters.

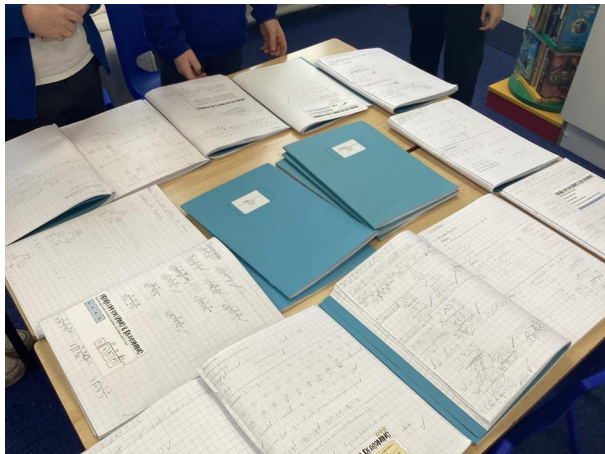
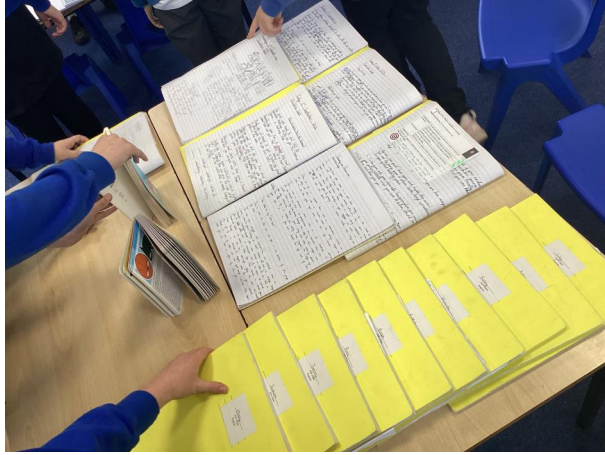
In RE, we concluded our unit answering the question: *Why do Hindus try to be good?* The children learnt all about the Hindu concept of "ahimsa" and how Hindus might choose to practice non-violence in their daily lives.

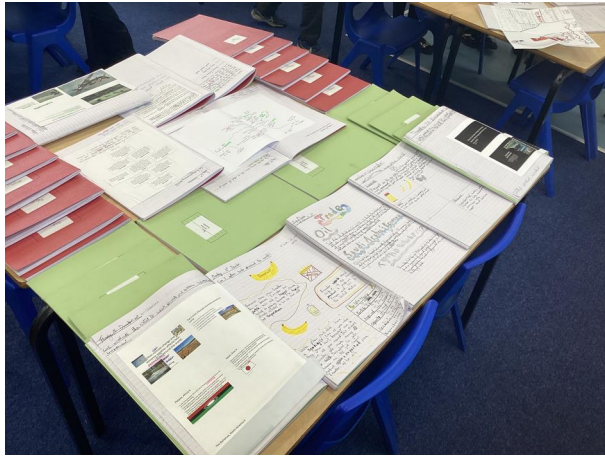
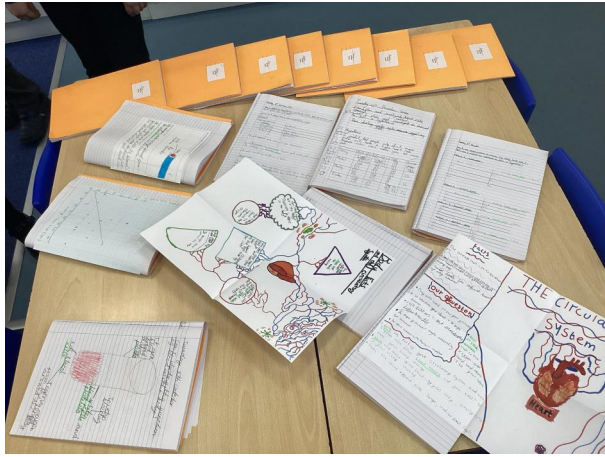
In Science, we completed our work on The Circulatory System. I was so impressed with all the knowledge that the children displayed in their final assessment!

It was also lovely this week to have some parents come in to celebrate all the hard work the children have completed this term. It was

Have a lovely Christmas break.







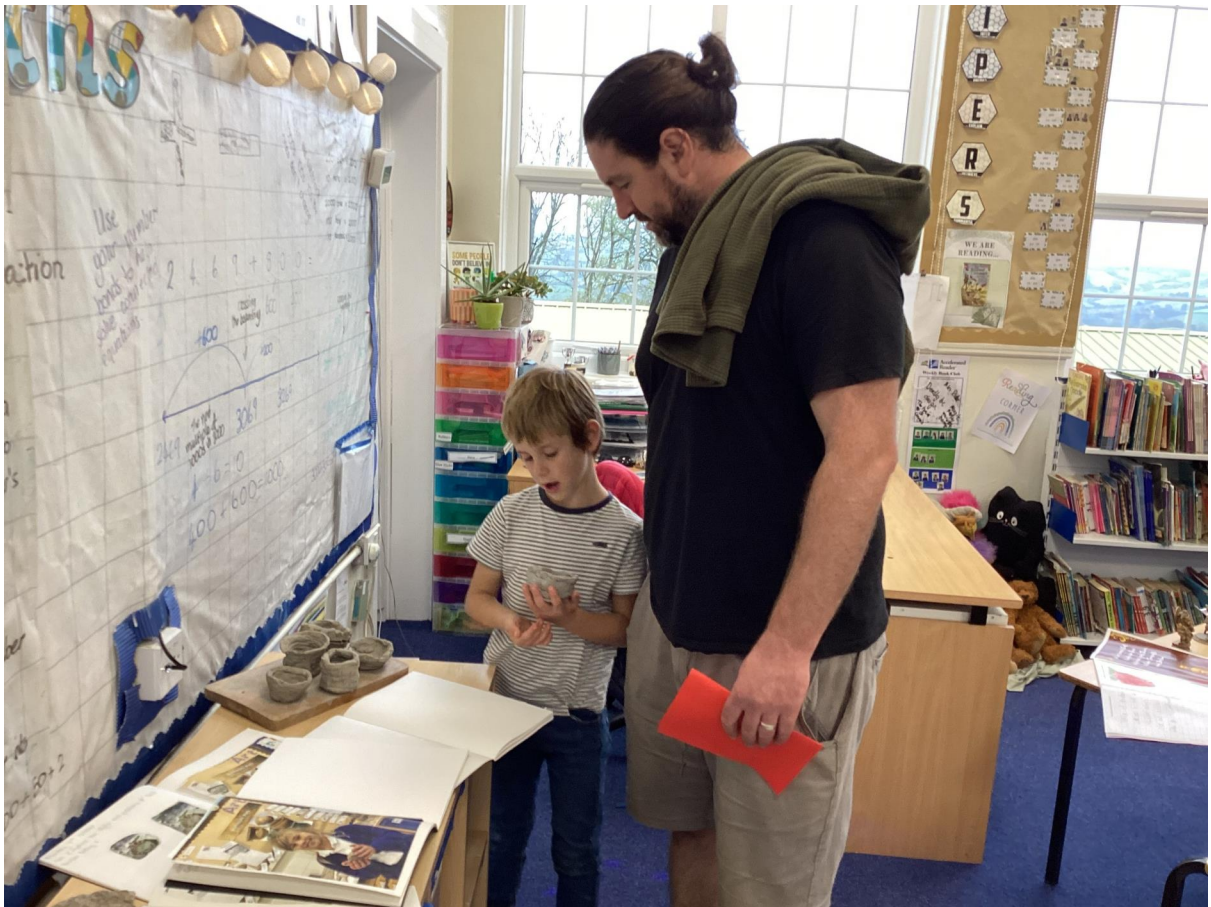
Birch Class



It's been 15 weeks of working incredibly hard and we have made it and as I reflect on the term I cannot emphasise enough what a joy it has been to teach and empower this class. Their individuality shines through on a daily basis, their attitude to their learning and improving themselves is second to none, they are kind and considerate and they have been a highlight of my 2024.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and I wish you all a very Happy New Year and lets make 2025 even better shall we!?

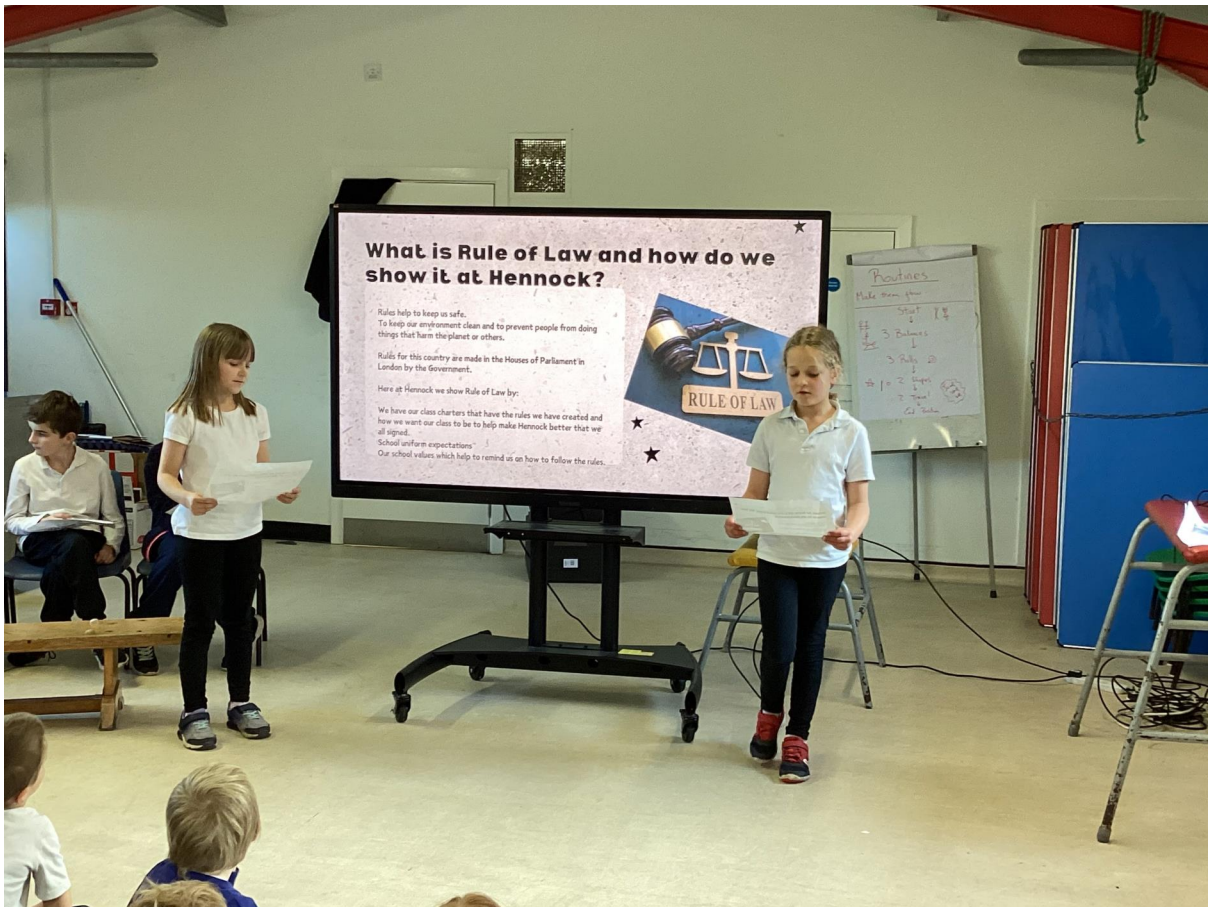










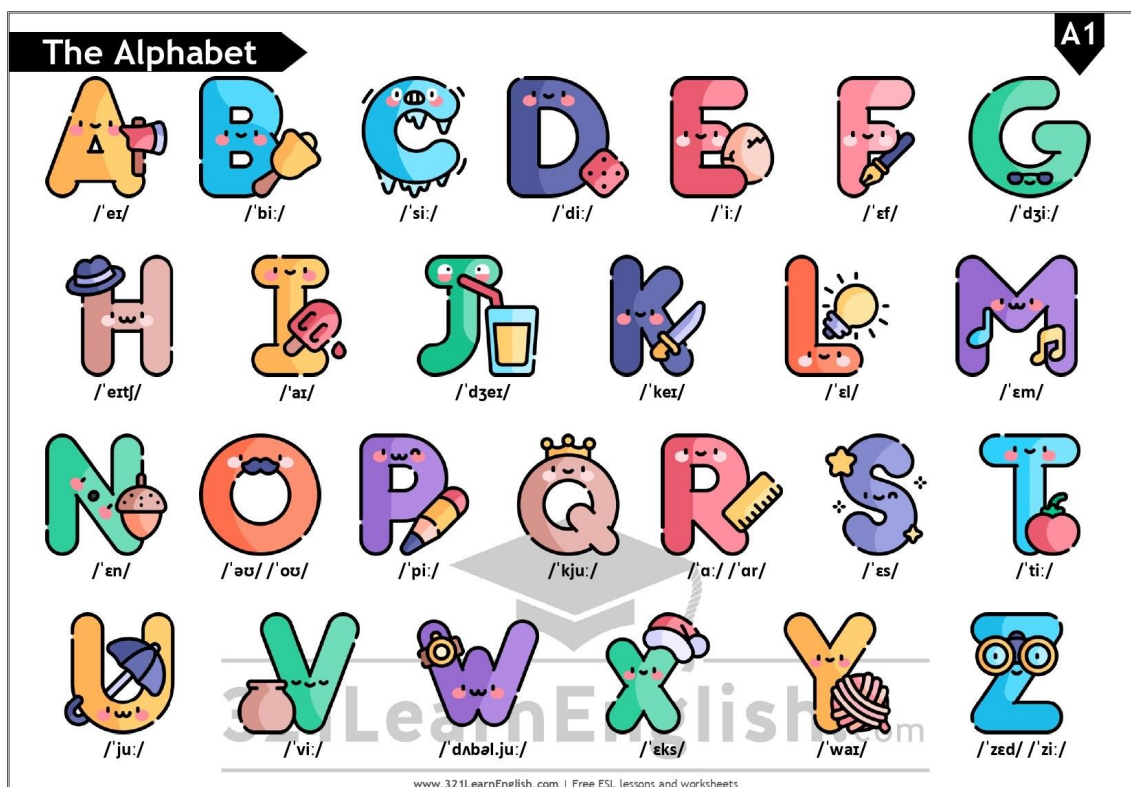












We have completed our Snowman stories and I am very impressed at the quality of the writing after a term of working on presentation, common exception words, prepositional phrases, verb choices and expanded noun phrases. The children have been using thesauruses to find synonyms for verbs and over the term we have been really working on our editing skills and we are becoming increasingly confident and fastidious in identifying things they have missed and making improvements. They should be immensely proud of themselves because I most certainly am.

In Maths, the children have completed their final unit on area and therefore their final assessments on Area and our Autumn assessment, which is a culmination of their whole terms work in place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication, division and area! That's a lot to cram into a paper but they all took on the challenge with gusto!

Wider Curriculum



We have completed our Design and Technology unit where their design brief was to make a healthy snack and package it in a way to keep it fresh for 24 hours. The children chose their net design before labelling it with their snack box name, ingredients and use by date. They then made the packaging and snack and left it in the fridge until the next day where they evaluated their packaging including on how fresh it kept the fruit and how secure their designs were. They did a fantastic job.

In Science, we have completed our unit on Sound and the children enjoyed investigating how distance impacts volume as well as pitch. We used sound meters to measure sound levels in decibels and we discovered that the longer the air column in an object the lower pitch the sound it will produce.

We have also completed our unit in Geography, where we have been comparing North and South America. The children completed this by researching a country of their choice and finding out about their traditions, beliefs and values.









Upcoming Events in Birch

Birch Pyjama Party - Wednesday 8th January 2024

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 and have been finalising all of this terms learning alongside our preparations for our fabulous Nativity. We were overjoyed by how well it came together as a performance and we hope you all loved it as much as we did! The children couldn't have done a better job and were a credit to all of you in their hard work and fabulous attitudes towards their learning and preparations. I think we may also have some budding actors and actresses amongst the group! Thank you for all your time and efforts to prepare the children as well as those who were able to come and enjoy the nativity alongside us. May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a restful break from all of the KS1 and EYFS team. We look forward to seeing the children ready and raring to go on the 7th of January.





Saplings



We have had a very busy fortnight. The children have been mark making, putting marks near their pictures to identify what they are. We have been practising Fine Motor Skills by making many Christmas decorations. The children enjoyed pressing cloves into an orange. Making

paper chains. Using scissors to cut around Father Christmas decorations and decorating a stocking.

I often say how wonderful the children are, they are all making good positive relationships with each other. It is wonderful to see how they integrate with each other through their play. The play mentors that visit each lunch time have developed a lovely rapport with all the children.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a happy new year!



Toddler Group!



Exciting news!

We have restarted our Toddler Group! It will be running from 9-10:30am in the New Year.

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,

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the AGM on Monday. We said a massive thankyou and goodbye to Gareth de Graaff who steps down from the committee, but a huge welcome to Debra Saunders who joins the merry bunch!

Thank you to all the helpers serving refreshments etc at the Nativity play and after school Christmas celebrations last week. It was lovely to see everyone in festive spirits.

We also loved hosting 'Father Christmas and friends' who visited Hennock and Teign Village last night in their spectacular sleigh. It was great fun.

Have a restful Christmas.

Very best wishes,

Sarah and team.

Hennockpta@gmail.com

Communications Team



Hello Everyone!

This week was the wonderful KS1 Nativity! We were lucky enough to watch the dress rehearsal and interview a member of the cast:

Q: What was your favourite part about being in Hennock's 2024 Nativity?

A: I loved going on stage for the first time and seeing my family watch me.

Q: Who did you play in the Nativity and what was your favourite song?

A: I played Mary and I loved pretending to look after the baby. My favourite song was the Cat Song!

We then interviewed Miss Gentile, one of the directors of the Nativity.

Q: Did you enjoy directing the Nativity?

A: Yes because the children were excited and enthusiastic with the dances!

Q: What was your favourite part?

A: The Finale song.

Q: It looked like so much work went into the performance! When did you begin rehearsals?

A: It did take a lot of work! The children have been rehearsing for three weeks!



Star of the Week



Star Learner of the Week:

13th December

Ash: Monty **Birch:** Willows: Amelia

Dojo Points:

Ash: Malachi **Birch:**

Achievosaurus: Eli, Frank

Playground Hero: Freddie

Values Star: Year 6's

Pride of School: Malachi

20th December

Ash: All of Ash Class **Birch:** Lyric **Willows:** Rupert

Dojo Points:

Ash: Taya **Birch:** Lucy, Mila, Layla and Finn

Achievosaurus: Aiden, Alice, Edith, Rupert

Playground Hero: Finn

Values Star: Rafferty

Pride of School: Saplings and Willows for their fantastic Nativity

Key Dates

PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday

Willows - Thursday

Birch - Fridays

Ash - Wednesdays

- End of Term, school finishes at the normal time. Have a wonderful Christmas! **Friday 20th December**
- **Start of Term.** Tuesday 7th January. We look forward to welcoming you back after the holidays.

Attendance this Fortnight:

Whole School 96.5%

Ash 97.5%

Birch 98.5%

Willows 92.5%

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.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>