

Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from Academy Head

We have had a great end to our Spring term. The last couple of weeks have seen trips and special events in school, including our cricket enrichment day.

The PTFA as usual put on a fantastic Easter Fair, complete with pizza, cake and chocolate bingo. The money raised by the PTFA makes many of our Enrichment activities possible. A heartfelt thank you from all of us to everyone involved.

We will finish off our Spring term with a celebration at St. Mary's Hennock. Everyone has been practising their singing and performances. We look forward to sharing it with you if you are able to make it.

I hope that everyone has a very good Easter break and has the chance to rest and recharge before another term of learning and fun.

Sarah Reddington

Academy Head

Hennock Primary School

Link Academy Trust

Ash Class



We have had a lovely end to Spring Term in Ash Class!

Last week, the children spent the afternoon cooking their recipes they had planned as part of their DT unit "Food For Life"! A special thank you to our Kitchen Manager, Leanne for helping us create such delicious food. We had a range of meals created from fruit salads, to popcorn, to tacos!

This week, we have been particularly busy! On Tuesday, the children took part in a cricket lesson in which they practised their bowling and batting skills. We then headed to Torquay Museum in the afternoon in which we did a workshop all about Polar Explorers and learnt about Torquay-born Frank Browning who took part in Robert Falcon Scott's expedition to the South Pole!

The children also explored how animals are adapted to the polar regions and the children used lard to act as blubber to see how insulating it was against freezing water! We then used needles, magnets and leaves to make compasses that would have been a necessity if you got lost in the Arctic!

On Wednesday, we had the Easter Fair hosted by our wonderful PTFA. It was great to see the children running so many great stalls to raise money for the school.

Finally, we need to say a big thank you to all the parents who came to watch KS2's music performance yesterday! Another big thank you to Pat our music teacher and the PTFA for funding these past 12 weeks of lessons. The children showcased all the fantastic musical skills they have learnt during this series of lessons, including children playing the ukulele, violin, guitar, bass, drums and glockenspiels.









Birch Class



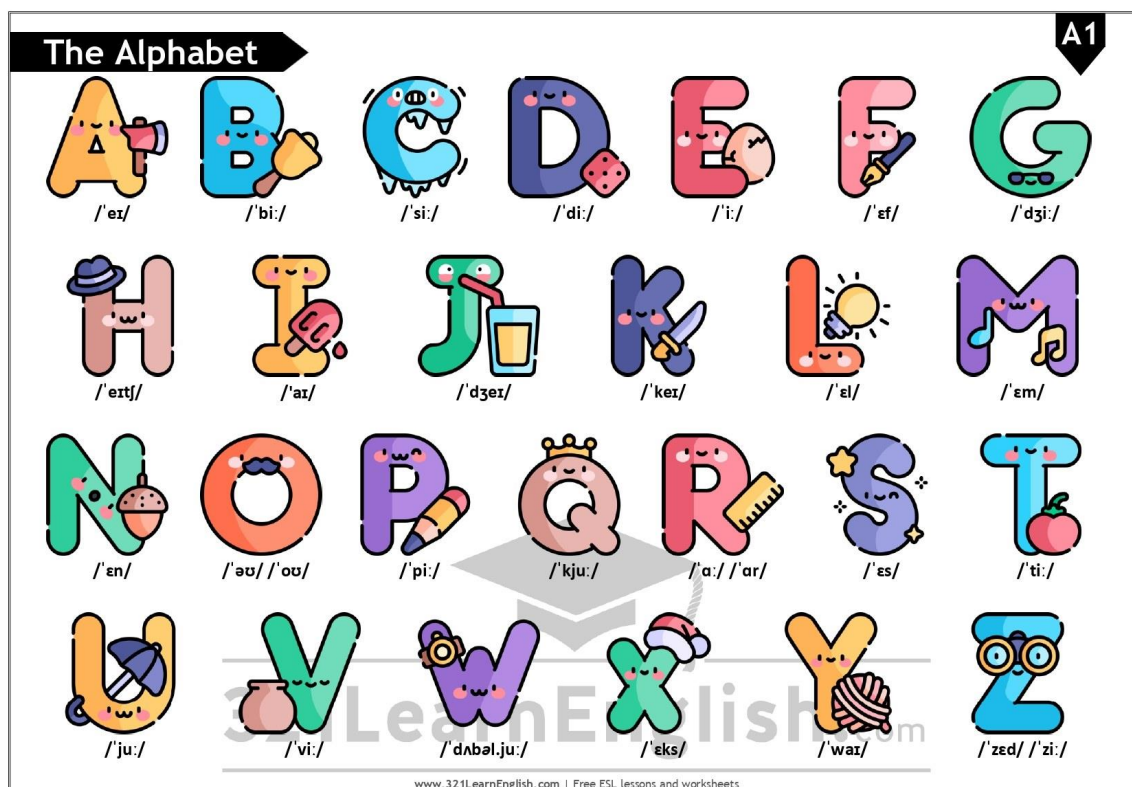
Wow it's the end of the the Spring Term, two thirds of the way through the year and what a phenomenal term it's been filled with exciting speakers and visitors to the school, a specialist music teacher and two phenomenal school trips that the children thoroughly enjoyed.

It was lovely to have you all visit us for our Parent Drop in session as well where the class shared their learning that they are immensely proud of!

Have a wonderful Easter and I will see you all in the Summer term!







In Maths, we have been a flurry of assessment activity as the children have completed their Fractions Unit, which every pupil made progress on their pre unit assessment, which is fantastic news.

They have also been working hard on their Arithmetic, which we assessed this week too and it all culminated in a final end of Spring term assessment.

The children have taken on each assessment with a great attitude and the mantra we hold is that we focus on the improvements we are making and the children have really responded well to this.

Wider Curriculum



The children have had a fantastic fortnight filled with adventuring, which included facing their fears as they stepped backwards off an abseiling tower, crawled through small dark spaces and hiked across Dartmoor. The whole class behaved really responsibly throughout and demonstrated our school values whilst out and about so well done!

Amongst all the adventuring we have been busy finishing off our unit projects, which included learning about the types of mountains and the mountains of the U.K. and the Water cycle.

In DT, we have designed and made our own William Morris inspired pieces, which has involved the children applying an assortment of skills including hemming, block printing, embroidery and freehand pieces. All of which require perseverance and patience as these are not easy skills to master but I hope you are impressed by what they have produced on their very first attempt.

It was a pleasure to present our Musical compositions to you on Thursday evening. The whole class have worked really hard on them and I am sure you'll agree they were pretty impressive.





Upcoming Events in Birch

Birch Football at Moorland School's Tournament - Wednesday 23rd April - Please come to school in P.E. kit and have a spare change of clothes for afterwards.

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



What a fantastic fortnight we have had in willows class. We have been working super hard to continue our English, Maths and Phonics learning and we are beginning to see some brilliant progress as we are now beginning to head towards transitions into the next year. We have finished off our Science learning on plants and Easter in RE and the children having enjoyed sharing the knowledge they have gained. We had a fabulous Day with Mr Peirce at the Inclusion PE games on Thursday. all the children did themselves and the school proud with resilience, perseverance and bravery to try something new. Well Done willows!

Finally may I take this opportunity to thank you all, for all of the kind comments, gifts and cards that I have received upon leaving today and over the last few weeks. I will strongly miss all of the children, staff and parents at Hennock and I wish you all a very Happy Easter, and hope to see some of you again in the future (From Mrs Way!)







Saplings

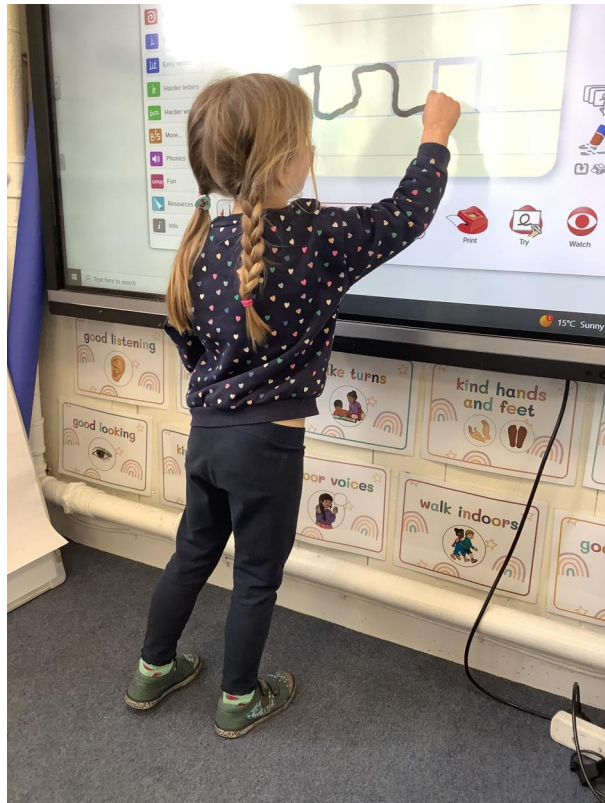


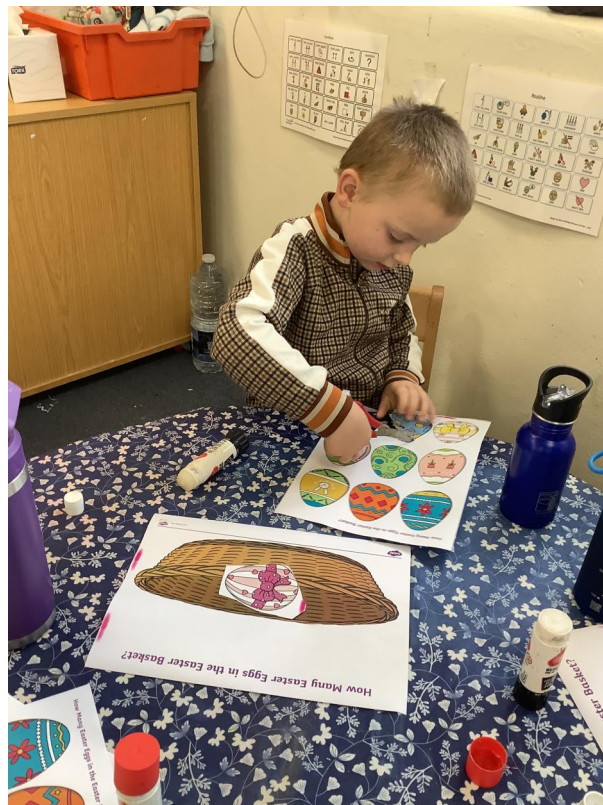
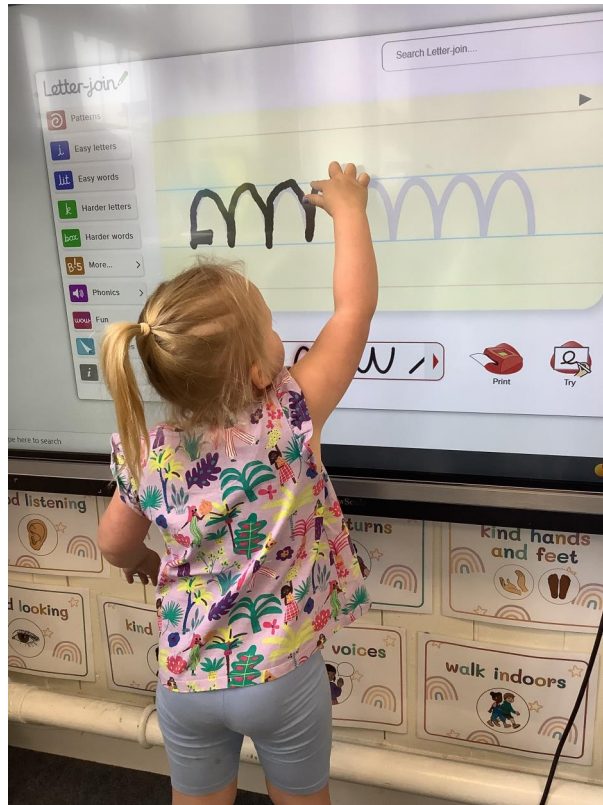
We have had a wonderful time the past 2 weeks. The children have loved Goldilocks and the 3 bears. They have all enjoyed retelling the story with puppets. EAD They have made a home corner with the kitchen, sat around the table feeding baby bear his porridge, in role play. Saplings are becoming more and more fluent with their hand movements, with the interactive letter join activity. In maths we have been focusing on Shape, Space and measure. PSED we have shared our ideas on healthy/unhealthy foods, along with personal hygiene. Saplings have enjoyed bathing babies. UTW We have been using fruit and vegetables, tweezers and magnifying glasses for dissection and exploration. We have also used fruit and vegetables for printing with paint and talking about mixing colours together.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter and look forward to seeing you all again next term.

All of Saplings are Stars 🌟











Toddler Group!





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

Restarting on 30th April

This week we did lots of dressing up, hopped about like bunnies and listened to some funny old music!

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 welcoming you to our little school.

PTFA Message



Dear all,

WOW! What a brilliant Easter Fair!

We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did? The kids were AMAZING running their stalls, the parents and carers were FANTASTIC in supporting them, the pizzas were DELICIOUS, the EASTER bunny was DELIGHTFUL and the bingo was CHOCTASTIC!

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to everyone who contributed. We raised over £500!!!

This will go straight back into the school to enhance the learning experiences of our children! Recent contributions have included the music lessons and the school trips!

We are still working on developing the outside space! If anyone has any thoughts on what any monies could be spent on please email us with ideas!

Have a great Easter break.

Sarah and team

Hennockptfa@gmail.com

Communications Team



We interviewed some members of Birch Class about their Abseiling trip! They said it was very fun. They had to climb to the top and walk themselves down the wall and enjoyed walking backwards towards the edge!



Star of the Week



4th April

Ash: Boe ***Birch:*** All of Birch ***Willows:*** Amelia

Dojo Points:

Ash: Taya

Playground Hero: Malachi

Pride of School: Nancy

Values Star: Finley

Key Dates

PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday

Willows - Thursday

Birch - Fridays

Ash - Wednesdays

- **Easter Service at the church and last day of Term - Friday 4th April**
- **Term commences on Tuesday 22nd April**
- **Teign School Parent Information Evening - Thursday 5th June (More info to follow from Teign School)**
- **Year 5 Taster Day at Teign School - Thursday 10th July (More info to follow from Teign School)**
- **Year 6 Transition Days at Teign School - Thursday 26th & Friday 27th July (More info to follow from Teign School)**



School Attendance

Attendance this Fortnight:

Whole School 97.6%

Ash 97.2%

Birch 99.1%

Willows 96.7%

Attendance Matters



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING

1 FIRST OFFENCE
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.**

2 SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)
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.**

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