



Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from Academy Head

Primary Schools always go early with Christmas and we are no exception. Willows and Saplings will start their Nativity preparations next week, an email will be coming to parents letting you know about your child's part and any costume requirements. The performance will take place on **18th December** starting at 9.30am. Tickets will be available from the first week of December. (two per family) We will send out a reminder once they are ready for collection.

In other festive news, Years 4 and 5 are travelling to Torquay Girls Grammar School for their Christmas Concert on **11th December** and Year 6 are going to Teign School to watch their

production of Annie on **19th December**. So lots of fun ahead. We are aware that the change to routine in December can be challenging for some of our pupils. We will make sure that all changes are talked through in advance and are displayed on our class visual timetables and referred to regularly. If you are concerned about any aspects of the bustle of the last few weeks of term and would like us to put anything additional in place for your child, please do be in touch.

Finally, our heating engineer is returning first thing on Monday. We have had a delivery of portable heaters and hopefully, all being well we will also have the boiler back up and running from the start of next week. Thank you for your understanding this week with the weather and the boiler. Hopefully, fully normal service will return from Monday.

Ash Class



We have had a very busy couple of weeks in Ash Class! In Maths, we have finished off our unit looking at Fractions. The children have been exploring adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers as well as simplifying and ordering and comparing them.

In English, we finished our narrative unit based on the film *Paraphernalia*. I am so impressed with how well the children's writing has reflected their learning this unit. Throughout this unit we explored how to create atmosphere by "showing and not telling" the reader, how to effectively incorporate dialogue into their writing as well as using sentence length to build tension.

In Science, the children have been exploring the impact of a healthy diet on our body. We explored food packaging labels and how the traffic light system can help us make healthier choices. The children then learnt about the long term consequences of consuming too much sugar, saturated fat and salt.

In Art, we studied the artist Lucy Arnold. The children looked at her observational drawings and paintings of beetles, butterflies and bees and explored and evaluated her use of colour.

In PE, we have been working on our balances to create gymnastics routines!

Our Year 6's also had a fun week completing their Bikeability course to teach them how to be safe riding their bikes out on the roads!

Have a lovely weekend, Ash!





Birch Class

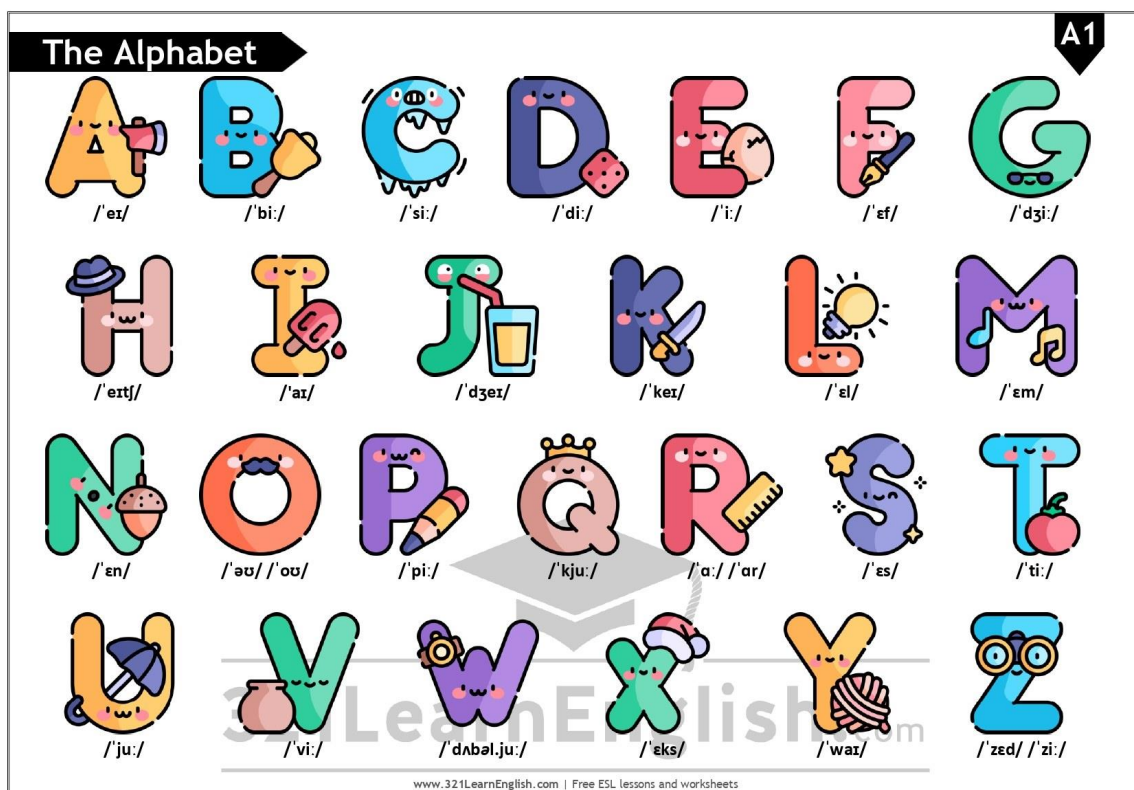


The last 2 weeks in Birch have been fantastic where we have been working furiously in all of our subjects and our classroom displays are steadily filling up with our learning, which is really helpful when recalling key knowledge.

On Wednesday, we had some members of our Trust Leadership team in to see what we have been learning and they were really impressed with the pupils learning behaviours in particular their oracy and debating skills as well as their attitude to their learning in class so well done Birch!



English and Maths



Over the last 2 weeks, the children have been working on their writing for an interview with a tiger. We have been using expanded noun phrases using pre and post modification as well as using prepositions as adverbials.

Once completed, the children worked together to edit and improve their writing using the KS2 Rainbow editing sheet. Editing is a challenging task and the children approached this task with vigour and the result was all of their writing improved, which is fantastic.

We have now moved onto their final write where the children are interviewing a person, character or object of their choice. They have planned the text and I am really looking forward to reading the final results. Some of the interesting objects being interviewed includes a school book and an Ipad!

In Maths, we have recently completed our unit on addition and subtraction. The end of the unit was marked with an end of unit assessment and the children get the chance to improve their score from the elicitation task at the start of the unit. I am pleased to say that every single one of them have improved their score, which is fantastic and testament to their amazing attitude.

We have now started our new unit on multiplication and division, which I am excited to be getting into.

Wider Curriculum

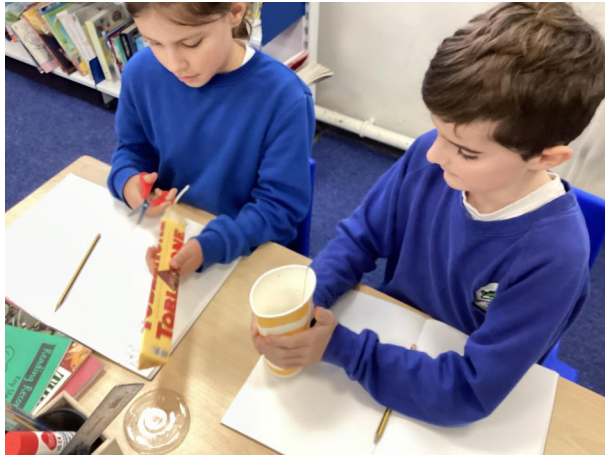


In P.E. we have been working in trios on our balances. The whole class worked really hard on increasing the complexity of their balances and I am looking forward to the rest of the term.

In DT, we had great fun in deconstructing packaging and identifying the 2D shapes that combined for a 3D shape. We then used templates of 2D nets, which we decorated and constructed to form 3D nets and then examined where the logo's were, the information and barcodes.

In Geography, we used atlases and information sheets to compare North American and South American countries in terms of their climate, animals that live there and the different features of Geography.







Upcoming Events in Birch

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 busy and exciting week this week in Willows, with our Snow Day Yesterday and our fantastic Aquarium trip on Monday. The Children had a wonderful time learning all about different sea creatures and their habitats. We enjoyed using our science knowledge to look for organisms that were alive and not alive as well as those that had previously been alive. We then got very crafty and thought more deeply about the creatures we had seen and their habitats by making a fantastic habitat hat each! Well done Willows you did yourselves and all of Hennock Primary School proud with your behaviour and consideration for others throughout the day. We look forward to getting stuck into our Nativity preparations next week.





Saplings



We have had a busy couple of weeks in Saplings. In maths we have been looking at groups of 1, 2, and 3. They have been developing fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually. They have begun to notice images in books and are quick to notice 1, 2, and 3 in well known tales.

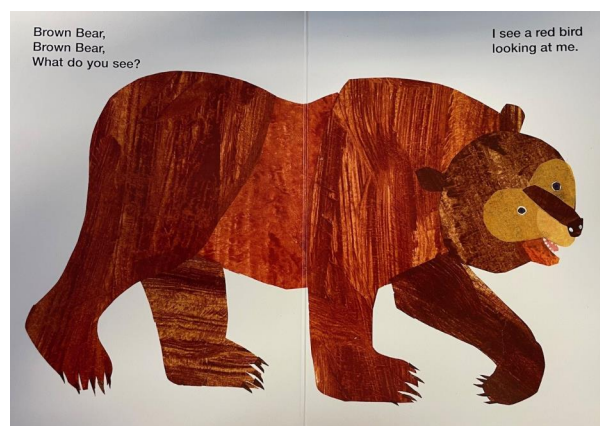
Our reading book, *Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See?* and the *Big Book of Colours*. The children are learning the difference between Fiction and Non fiction. That we read text from Left to Right and that letters form words. The children have been retelling the story using puppets. They are saying what they like about the stories and what they do not like in stories.

We have been exploring how to isolate one of their senses by using, cups, cotton wool pads, different smelly items (oranges, marmite and soap)

We are still busy making hot air balloons for travelling into space. P.E with Mr Pierce was fun on Monday. The children have been balancing and strengthening their core muscles and making different shapes with their bodies.

The play mentors have been entertaining Saplings at dinner time play with games. We have been using the musical instruments, and playing with different textures like fake snow and shaving foam. The children were given some tweezers to use to pick up stars that were in the foam to support their fine motor skills.

All the children are becoming very supportive of each other. They help each other into their coats, pass water bottles. The children are helping other children when they go to the toilets by pressing on the taps for them.



Toddler Group!



Next Week!

Exciting news!

We are restarting our previously popular Toddler Group! It will be running from 9-10:30am for three weeks prior to Christmas on the 27th Nov, 4th Dec and 11th Dec. And again in the New Year!

£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!

PTFA Message



Dear Parents and Carers

If you can, please support Hennock PTFA's AGM ON MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER AT 8.30pm – VIA ZOOM!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88614629170?pwd=lev2ey7jPpmmTSsTXXva4cpdinqHPW.1> Meeting ID: 886 1462 9170 Passcode: YLn5U9

Please contact hennockptfa@gmail.com for more details.

We welcome you all and hope you can attend!

Many thanks

Sarah and the Team

Communications Team



Hello Everyone!

Last week, we interviewed a member of Ash Class. They have been enjoying their learning in Science in which they have been finding their pulse and figuring out which exercise has the greatest effect on their heart rate!



Meet the Team!



This week, the Communications Team interviewed our Ash Class teacher, Miss Fraser.

What is your favourite subject to teach?

My favourite subject to teach is English because I always loved learning about English when I was at school and I love reading my class's wonderful writing!

What is your favourite hobby?

I love reading and going out on long walks with my dogs.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I enjoy spending time with my friends and going to the beach with my boyfriend and dogs.

What did you do before you were a teacher?

I spent three years at university in Bristol studying English. Then COVID hit and I decided to train to become a teacher! So I completed my PGCE at Exeter University during the pandemic.

Star of the Week



Star Learner of the Week:

15th November

Ash: Myri Birch: Freddie Willows: Oliver

Dojo Points:

Ash: Katie and Tommy Birch: Sophie Finn Rafe Agnes

Achievosaurus:

Playground Hero: Mabel

Values Star: Freddie

Pride of School: Lucy

22nd November

Ash: Fyrstan Birch: Mila Willows: Chantae Saplings: Alma Winsten

Dojo Points:

Ash: Ralph Birch: Finn Sophie

Achievosaurus:

Playground Hero: Freddie

Values Star: Mabel

Pride of School: Monty

Key Dates

PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday

Willows - Thursday

Birch - Fridays

Ash - Wednesdays

- Nativity for Willows and Saplings: Wednesday 18th at 9.30, Hennock School

Attendance this Fortnight:

Whole School 92.9%

Ash 97.2%

Birch 92.4%

Willows 86.7%

Mash Link¹



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 MASH on

0345 155 1071

¹<https://www.devonscp.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub-in-devon/>