

Welcome to Carpenter Bee class



Meet the staff

- ▶ Carpenter Bee's Class teacher is Miss Kirby
 - ▶ A little about me: I have joined Ropley this academic year following seven happy years at Bentley CE Primary. There, I started as the Year One teacher and then became the Year Two teacher before taking on the additional role of Key Stage One Leader. I am very excited to join Ropley predominantly as the Year Two teacher with the added responsibility of School Improvement Leader where I will work alongside Miss Vittle to implement the school improvement plan. I am very much looking forward to being part of the Ropley team and the school's wider community.
- ▶ Mrs Brown and Mrs Hebditch will also be supporting in the class
- ▶ PE will be taught by George
- ▶ PPA cover will be supervised by Mrs Hebditch and Mrs Read



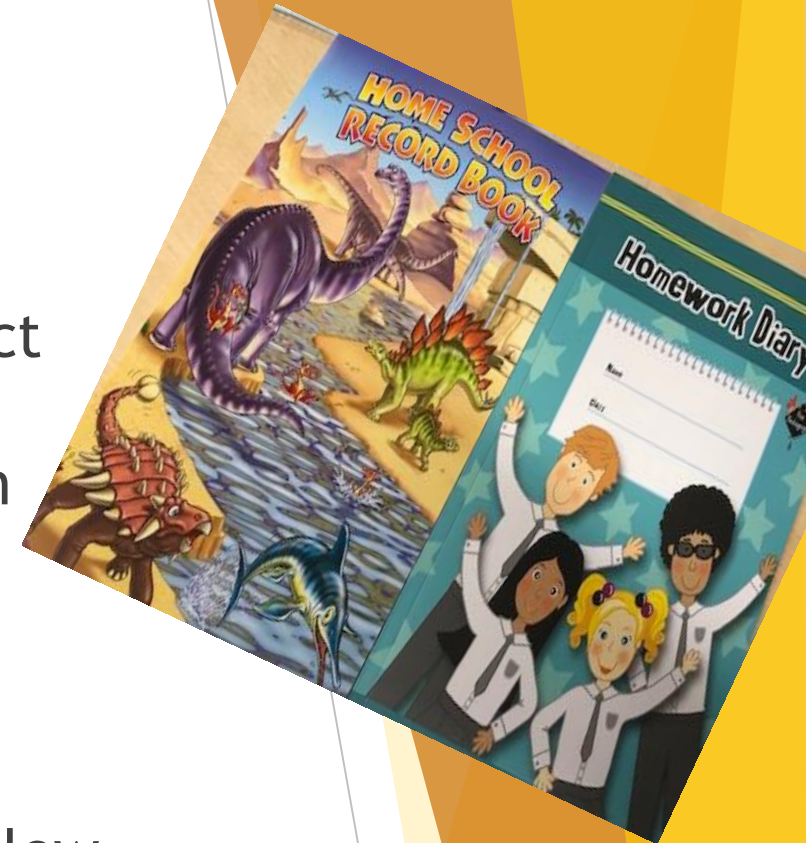
The topics we will be covering this half term are:

- ▶ We will start the year with a whole school book study on the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers
- ▶ After half term we will be learning about the Great Fire of London



Communication:

- ▶ Communication in the Home School Record Book. We collect these in weekly to see how much the children have been reading. If you would like to leave a message or question in here for your class teacher in here you can do so.
- ▶ Communication via school admin office email only.
adminoffice@ropleyschool.hants.sch.uk
- ▶ Parent evenings at the end of this term. More details to follow
- ▶ We normally have an 'open door' policy after school. This will not be possible during the current circumstances. Please arrange an appointment to see your class teacher.
- ▶ Communication route: Initially meet with your child's teacher. If concerns are ongoing and haven't been resolved then then you may wish to meet with a senior leader and then the headteacher.



Morning routine and after school arrangements

- ▶ School starts at 8.40am for our class and children are expected to be in school ready to learn by this time.
- ▶ During the continued COVID19 pandemic parents are requested not to enter the school building so please therefore say goodbye to your child at their classroom door and follow the directional arrows to leave the school site.
- ▶ School finishes at 3pm for our class.
- ▶ Please write on the clipboard outside the classroom if your child has a different after school arrangement.
- ▶ Children attending 'The Hive' after school club will go to the round classroom outside to be met and registered.

What your child will and will not need.

- ▶ School uniform with school shoes.
- ▶ PE kit with trainers for outdoor PE. Tracksuits maybe worn in the colder months. We now have house coloured hoodies as well!
- ▶ A water bottle. Best if it has a sports cap.
- ▶ All stationery will be provided by school so pencil cases are not necessary.
- ▶ A wrapped healthy snack if you would like them to have one. We ask that where possible this is a piece of fruit. (Fruit provided for KS1)
- ▶ Due to several children with allergies it is essential that packed lunches and snacks **MUST NOT** contain nuts.
- ▶ Toys and games from home are not to be brought into school.
- ▶ All items must be named

What happens when?

- ▶ PE is on Mondays and Thursdays
- ▶ Library exchange is under review at the moment. We will have more information regarding this soon.
- ▶ Homework is set on a Friday and expected in the following Friday. We hope to move to an online platform for our homework - again more information when we have it.
- ▶ Spellings - these are given on a Monday and tested on a Friday. The sheets are sent home for reference and practise but do not need to be returned to school. These words are either linked to a particular topic, sound or are from the Year 2 key words list. To help your child, you could practise at home by using magnetic letters, think of rhymes or sayings to help with trickier words etc.
- ▶ Reading: It is the school expectation that children read at least 5 times a week and it is recorded in their books. This session should be for 10 minutes or so and should not be too strenuous. Sharing the reading with your child or having a conversation about a book you have read to them is just as valuable as them reading it themselves so please do record those times too.

What happens when?

- ▶ Show and tell (Fridays only): Children are welcome to bring in **one** small item from home to share with the class as we get to know each other. After October half term and going forward, show and tell will be linked to our topics. The timetable below provides details of when your child's week is.

Happel	Faichen	Goodall	Maddock
18 th September	25 th September	2 nd October	16 th October
6 th November	13 th November	20 th November	27 th November

Parent helpers

- ▶ Due to the current restrictions we sadly cannot welcome any parent helpers in school. We will let you know as soon as this changes. Thank you for your continued support.

