

# Welcome to Honeybee class

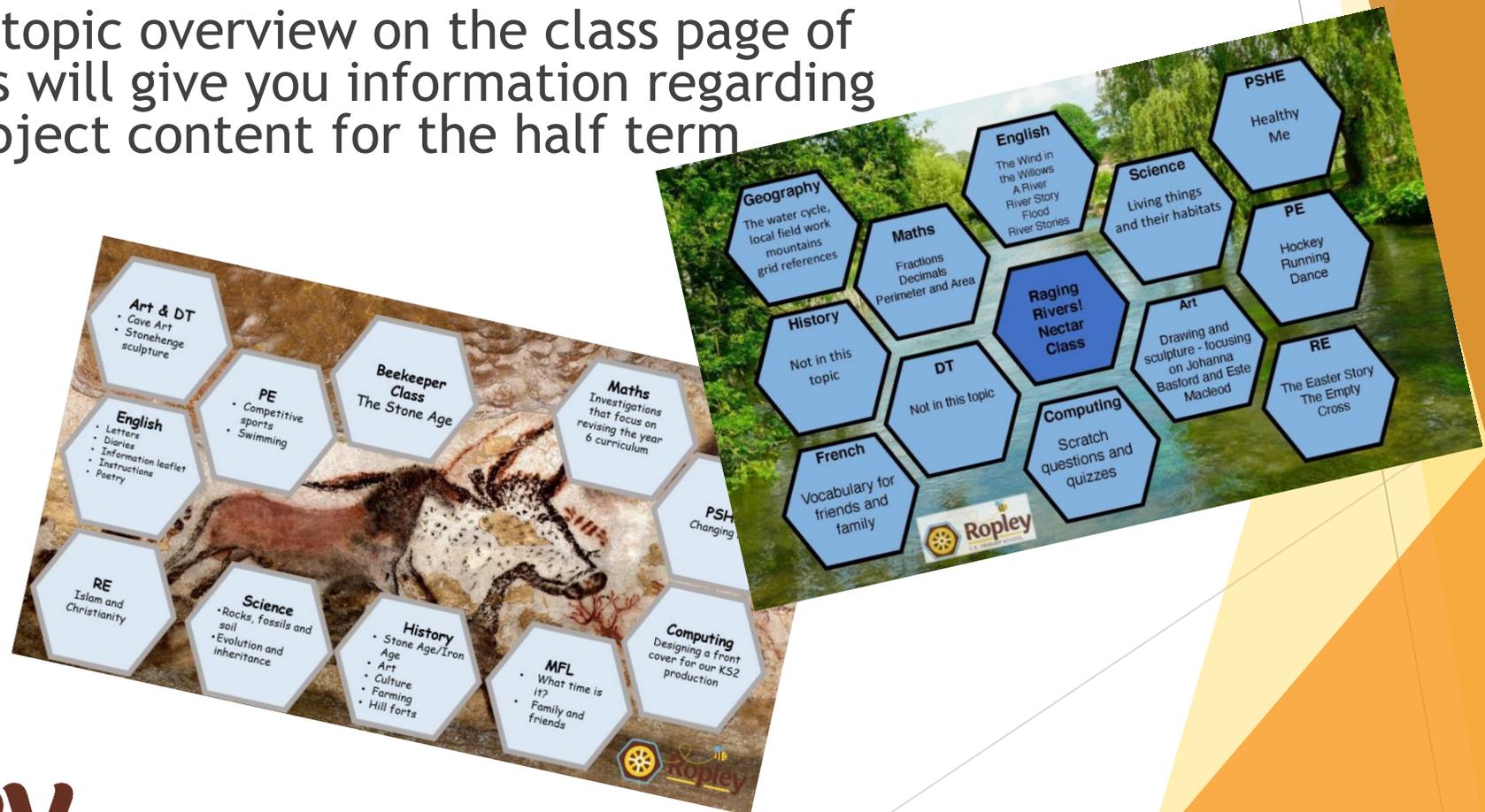


# Meet the staff

- ▶ Class teacher is Mrs Mitchell
  - ▶ A bit about me: I have been teaching 21 years, 14 of which were in a Year R/1 mixed class. This is my 7<sup>th</sup> year at Ropley and my 2<sup>nd</sup> in Year 1. I have a good knowledge of the transition of Early Years into Key Stage 1. Over the years I have specialised in Physical development and language. I also have a passion for outdoor learning. I have always taught in village schools as I love the community feel. I look forward to working with you and your children.
- ▶ Also supporting in the class is Mrs Thompson in the mornings and Mrs Hebditch for 4 afternoons.
- ▶ PE will be taught by Mrs Mitchell on a Tuesday and Jordan on a Thursday.
- ▶ PPA cover will be taught by Mrs Barfoot (music specialist) and Jordan (PE) on a Thursday afternoon. Mrs Hebditch will also be with the children in both sessions.

# The topics we will be covering this term are:

- ▶ We will start the year as 'Local detectives', which is a Geography based topic looking at local area and mapping skills.
- ▶ After half term we will start our History based topic on 'The Great Fire of London'.
- ▶ Look out for the topic overview on the class page of the website. This will give you information regarding the topic and subject content for the half term
- ▶ It looks like...



# Communication:

- ▶ Please use the Home School Record Book to record your child's reading at home..
- ▶ We collect these record books in weekly to see how much the children have been reading at home. We expect the children to read 5 times a week at home.
- ▶ When we hear the children read in school we do not always write in these books.
- ▶ If you have a brief message to pass onto the class teaching team, you can do so in this book or through the message board at the gate / door. Alternatively, you can send an e-mail to the admin address, which will then be forwarded on to me.
- ▶ If you would like to meet with your child's teacher please call the or email the office to make an appointment. [adminoffice@ropleyschool.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@ropleyschool.hants.sch.uk)
- ▶ Our office team may ask you what the appointment is regarding. This is so we can prepare for the meeting and make good use of time in the meeting.
- ▶ Parent evenings are held in the Autumn and Spring term.
- ▶ Communication route: Initially please arrange to meet with your child's teacher. If your 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 8:50am and children are expected to be in school ready to learn by this time.
- ▶ The side gate opens at 8:40am and children can arrive and enter the building from this time onwards.
- ▶ The gate closes at 8:50am. If you arrive after this time you will need to go into school via the school office and will be considered late.
- ▶ It is important for your child that they arrive on time. Lessons start promptly and arriving late can mean embarrassment as well as lost learning.
- ▶ Parents are asked not to enter the school building. This helps the children to become independent and start the day smoothly.
- ▶ School finishes at 3:00pm.
- ▶ **\*\*Year 1 and 2 only\*\*** Please write on the clipboard in the lobby 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. Tracksuits maybe worn in the colder months.
- ▶ A **named** water bottle.
- ▶ All stationery will be provided by school so pencil cases are not necessary.
- ▶ A healthy snack if you would like them to have one. We ask that where possible this is a piece of fruit. (Fruit is also 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, including shoes, must be named

# What happens when?

- ▶ PE is on Monday and Thursday.
- ▶ Library exchange will happen on a Wednesday.
- ▶ Forest school is on a Friday. Your child will need wellington boots and waterproof trousers as we head into the Winter. We will go out in most weathers.
- ▶ Homework is set on a Friday as a home work letter. It can be completed over the week. There will be some tasks that need to be recorded and others which require no recording. We will be using Teams to set our homework but can provide paper copies if you prefer. All completed homework will need to be uploaded to Teams. In Year 1 this will usually be a photograph unless we have asked for a recorded piece of work to be handed in.

# Reading

- ▶ Reading and sharing books is the best way to support your child. Not only will it support with decoding and writing, it exposes a range of language/vocabulary to the children. Your child should read at least 5 times a week. However, at this level the schemed reading books will not be introducing new vocabulary. Therefore it is vital that you share and read a range of books to your child. Again this should be at least 5 times a week. (This includes bedtime stories if this is part of your routine).
- ▶ Children should be learning at least 7 new words a day.
- ▶ The more language/ vocabulary they develop the more confident children are with comprehension, understanding and writing.

# Parent helpers

- ▶ We are delighted to be able to welcome parent helpers into school once again this year.
- ▶ All of the classes will let the office team know what days and times they would like volunteers to come into school.
- ▶ This is likely to be for half hour or hour long slots either at the beginning or the end of the day.
- ▶ If you are able to volunteer please let the school office know and we will match you up with a class and time slot. This year we are asking our volunteers not to volunteer in their own child's class for reading as it can be a distraction for your child. Thank you.
- ▶ All volunteers will be requested to complete a DBS check and attend a briefing regarding their role. This will include a safeguarding element.

# And finally...

- ▶ We are keen to work in partnership with you all as we know this will bring the best outcomes for the children.
- ▶ We have a wealth of experience across the school and look forward to successful and positive year.
- ▶ Although we try to, we can not promise to always get everything right. (Nobody's perfect!)
- ▶ If you have any concerns or you feel we have made a mistake then please do come and let us know straight away and we will do our best address your concerns.
- ▶ What we don't know we can't fix!