

Welcome to Bumblebee Class



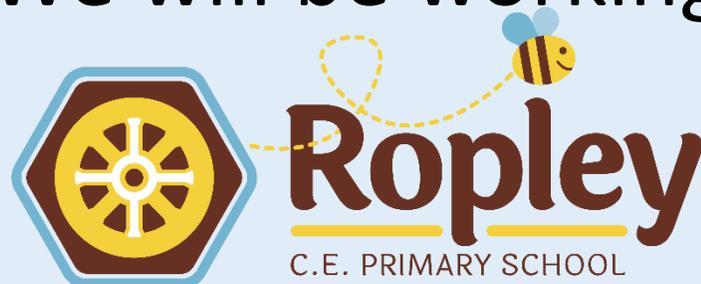
Meet the staff

- ▶ The Bumblebee Class teacher is Miss Fisher-Smith
- ▶ Also supporting in the class is Mrs Duddridge.
- ▶ PE will be taught by Coach James and Miss Fisher-Smith.
- ▶ PPA cover will be taught by Mrs Duddridge and Mrs Mathewson.

In Bumblebee Class our three curriculum aspirations are:

1. To create a maths game using our number knowledge.
2. To retell a familiar story using props.
3. To independently grow a fruit, vegetable or plant.

We will be working on these throughout the year.



The visits and visitors we are hoping to have this year are:

Autumn Term 2023:

A visit to St. Peter's Church (FREE)

A visit from our local Alton Police Community Support Officer Harvey Bennett – Monday 25th September 2023 (FREE)

Whole School Trip to the Christmas Pantomime at The Mayflower Theatre – December 2023 (Details will be sent out nearer the time)

Spring Term 2024:

A visit to The Gilbert White House. (approximate cost £10 - £15)

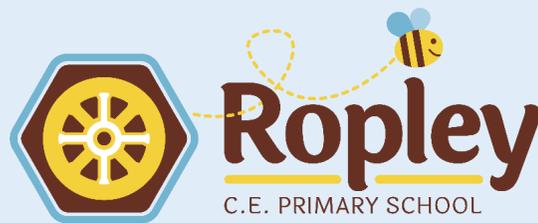
Summer Term 2024:

A Teddy Bears' Picnic on the school site (FREE)

A visit to Ropley Park with Year 6 Buddies (FREE)

Mill Farm Visit to school (TBC)

There may be other trips or visitor throughout the year that we do not know about yet.

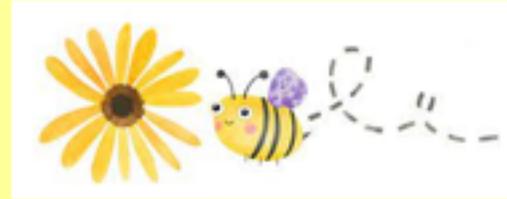


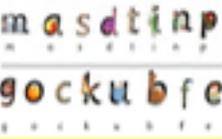


Our learning this half term is:

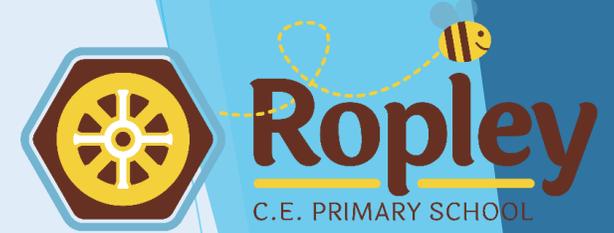
Autumn Term One 2023

What will be learning in Bumblebee Class this half term?



<p><u>Maths</u> We will be learning where all of our maths resources are kept in the classroom. We will practise counting and will explore matching and patterns in our environment.</p>		<p><u>Science</u> 'Exploring Magnets and Materials'</p> 	<p><u>Geography</u> We will be getting to know our school environment and learning where things belong.</p>	<p><u>History</u> We will be thinking about how we have changed since we were babies. What can we do now that we could not do when we were babies?</p>	 	<p><u>English</u> We will meet our phonics friend 'Fred the Frog' and will learn the sounds of the alphabet (set one sounds)</p> 
<p><u>Computing</u> We will be exploring our class interactive whiteboard, learning how to draw pictures.</p>	<p><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u> We will be making friends with our peers and getting to know our teachers. We will be learning school rules and expectations.</p>	<p><u>Art</u> We will be creating our own self-portraits and will learn a range of playdough skills.</p>		<p><u>Physical Education</u> We will be developing our core strength, balance and co-ordination skills. We will practise our gross motor (BIG) and fine motor (SMALL) movements</p>	<p><u>Religious Education</u> We will be learning about Christianity and why the God is so important to Christians. We will learn how to use our class reflection area.</p>	<p><u>Music</u> In Charanga we will learn how listen and clap along to the beat. We will sing some nursery rhymes with a twist!</p>

Communication:



- ▶ If you need to pass on a message to a Bumblebee member of staff, please write a note and give it to the member of staff who is on the Bumblebee gate in the morning.
- ▶ Alternatively, you can speak to Miss Fisher-Smith at the end of the day, once all of the children have been dismissed. Or you may email the school office and they will pass the message onto the Bumblebee staff team.
- ▶ During the first half term, your child will be given a school record book. This is for you to record when you hear your child read. 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.
- ▶ Every Friday I send a weekly Bumblebees Newsletter via Arbor for you to read. It will outline the learning we have completed and any upcoming key dates you need to be aware of.

Communication continued:



- ▶ Please try to avoid chatting to the teacher first thing in the morning. It is important that they are 'present' for the children at this vital time of the day.
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 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 head teacher.

Morning and after school routines

- ▶ School starts at **8:45am** and children are expected to be in school ready to learn by this time.
- ▶ The side gate opens at **8:35am** and children can arrive and enter the building from this time onwards.
- ▶ The gate closes at **8:45am**. If you arrive after this time you will need to go into school via the school office and will be asked why you are 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 **3:15pm**.
- ▶ 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 (no boots please).
- ▶ PE kit with trainers for outdoor PE. Tracksuits maybe worn in the colder months. We have optional house coloured hoodies as well.
- ▶ A FULL water bottle. It is best if it has a sports cap so that spillages are limited. Your child must only have WATER in their bottle, no squash or juice please.
- ▶ All stationery will be provided by school so pencil cases are not necessary.
- ▶ Infants are provided with one piece of free fruit a day.
- ▶ 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 clearly named, preferably with your child's full name, not just their surname.

What happens when?

- ▶ PE is on a Tuesday morning with Miss Fisher-Smith and a Friday afternoon with Coach James.
- ▶ Library exchange will happen once a week – our main library slot is on a MONDAY.
- ▶ When Bumblebees are ready, I will send home a reading task or book (linked to our phonics scheme – Read, Write, Inc). Initially I will update these once a week, this will increase throughout the year but I will keep you updated with any changes in my weekly Bumblebee Class newsletter every Friday.

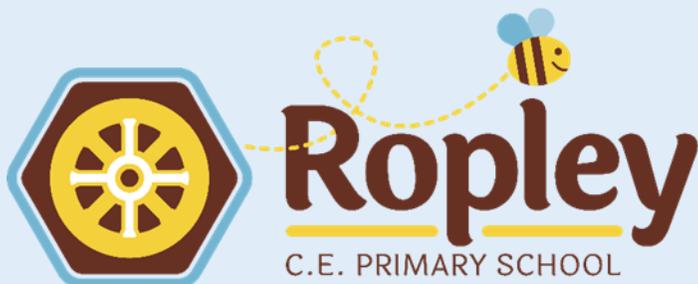
Parent helpers

- ▶ We warmly welcome parent helpers into school. Bumblebee Class do not have parent helpers until after the first half term break, to allow the children to settle into school.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ We request that volunteers do not to volunteer in their own child's class for reading as it can be a distraction for your child.
- ▶ All volunteers will be requested to complete a DBS check and attend a briefing regarding their role. This will include a safeguarding element.

Uniform

- V Neck Jumper or sweatshirt in Royal Blue, with or without logo.
- Sky blue polo shirt – with or without logo
- Charcoal Grey skirt, pinafore, shorts or trousers
- Summer dress in the summer
- Black, white or grey socks or grey tights
- Black Shoes (not boots or trainers)
- Long hair must be neatly tied back with a small tie.

- Nail varnish, big hair bands, jewellery, under layers that show should be avoided.
- More information is on our website



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 a 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, please do come and let us know straight away and we will do our best to address your concerns.
- ▶ What we don't know we can't fix!
- ▶ It's already been a brilliant start to the year in Bumblebee class, your children are settling into school life really well and are already making new friends.