

Welcome to Honeycomb Class



Meet the staff

- ▶ Class teacher is Mrs Gaunt
- ▶ Also supporting in the class are Mrs Robson, Mrs M Hill and Mrs Hilder
- ▶ PE will be taught by Coach James and Mrs Gaunt
- ▶ PPA cover will be taught by Coach James and Miss Brown

The topics we will be learning about this year are:

Autumn 1: The Maya

Autumn 2: Extreme Earth

Spring 1: Local History Study

Spring 2: Exploring Europe - Italy

Summer 1: Inside the rainforest

Summer 2: Ancient Egypt

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

Autumn 1: A visit from Portals in the Past (Cost £5.50)

Autumn 2: Visit to the pantomime

Spring 1: A visit from local historians, visit from a blacksmith (no cost)

Spring 2: An Italian day in school (Cost approx. £3)

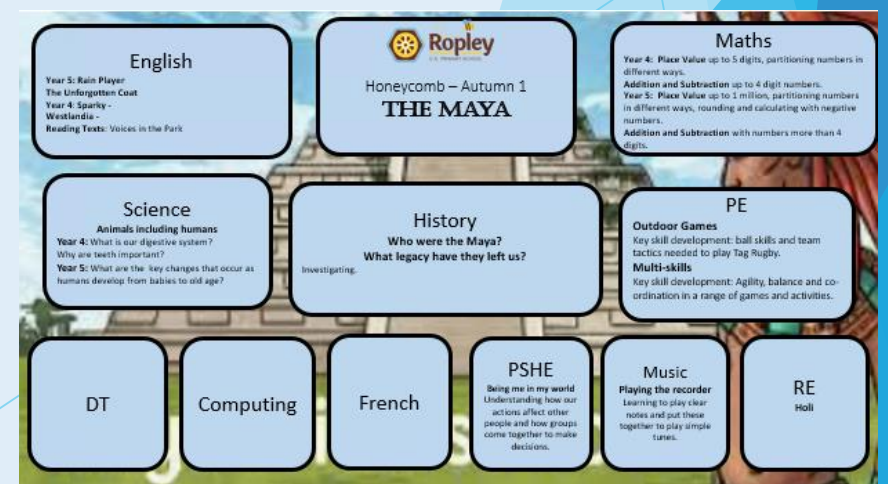
Summer 1:

Summer 2: Visit to Egyptian exhibition (Cost approx. £16)

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

Our topic this half term is:

- ▶ The Maya
- ▶ Our key enquiry questions are:
 - ▶ Who were the Maya?
 - ▶ What was life like at the height of the Mayan Empire?
 - ▶ What legacy have they left us?
- ▶ In science we are learning about Animals including Humans – In Year 4 this includes work on digestion, teeth and food chains. In Year 5 it includes understanding how humans develop from babies to old age.
- ▶ 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. We will also email it to you.
- ▶ It looks like...



Communication:

- ▶ Please use the Home School Record Book to record your child's reading at home. This can be done by an adult but we encourage Year 4 and 5 to fill it in themselves.
- ▶ We collect these record books in weekly to check and sign them. We expect the children to read 5 times a week at home. We have Honeycomb 'planner of the month' awards for children who use them most effectively.
- ▶ If you have a message to pass onto the class teaching team, you can do so in this book, which your child should then hand in to me.



Communication continued:



- ▶ **Please avoid longer conversations with school staff first thing in the morning.** It is important we are 'present' for the children at this vital time of the day.
- ▶ If you would like to meet to discuss a concern 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 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. Learning starts promptly and arriving late can mean avoidable 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 be registered outside in the circle area.



What your child will and will not need.

- ▶ School uniform with black 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 water bottle. Best if it has a sports cap.
- ▶ 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 or veg. Not chocolate, biscuits or crisps.
- ▶ 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 – labels or written in is fine.

What happens when?

- ▶ PE is on Wednesday and Thursday
- ▶ Our main library slot is on a Friday although children are able to visit before Worship each morning.
- ▶ Homework is set on a Friday and expected to be handed in by the next Thursday. We will set one piece of written homework a week on paper.
- ▶ Children are also expected to read (x5), learn their spellings and times tables.

Parent helpers

- ▶ We warmly welcome parent helpers 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.



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.
- ▶ 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 address your concerns.
- ▶ What we don't know we can't fix!
- ▶ It's already been a brilliant start to the year in Honeycomb class, your children are keen, hardworking and full of character.

