

Welcome to Year 2/3

Meet the team:



Mrs Lee - Avocet



Mrs Dean - Skylark



Miss Idziak - Heron



Mrs Emma Lee - Avocet

I have been teaching at Shiphay since I qualified in 2005. Over the past 21 years at our wonderful school, I've had the joy of teaching in Nursery, Reception, and Years 1 through 3. I feel incredibly fortunate to have worked across the entirety of Key Stage 1, watching the children grow and flourish. Moving into Year 3 has allowed me to see the exciting next steps in their education, and I am absolutely delighted to be working with Years 2 and 3 this year.

In my classroom, I strive to create a warm, inspiring environment where every child feels valued, motivated, and supported to reach their full potential. We love celebrating everyone's unique efforts and sharing our successes together. There is truly nothing better than witnessing those magical 'light bulb moments' when everything clicks!

I firmly believe that exploration and hands-on experiences are vital to learning, and I love seeing the children's creativity shine through. While I enjoy teaching the whole curriculum, I have a particular passion for History, English, Drama, and Maths. As a mum myself, sharing a book at the end of the day has always been a personal highlight, and I love bringing that same magic into the classroom. I feel so privileged to be working with your children, and I can't wait to meet you all soon!



Miss Izabela Idziak - Heron

I have been working in education since 2014 and have been a member of the Shiphay team for the past four years. In 2023/24 I undertook my teacher training at Shiphay and I am now very excited and honoured to be able to continue teaching here as a fully qualified teacher.

I am passionate about creating exciting and challenging learning opportunities for my students. It is at the heart of my teaching to ensure that every student I teach receives the best possible education that is carefully planned and adapted to their individual needs. It is important to me to build positive relationships with children in my class, rooted in mutual respect. I am a strong believer in Growth Mindset and the importance of building self-confidence and resilience, where 'FAIL' is just a First Attempt In Learning. Children in my class will strive to be aspirational, independent learners and feel safe to share their ideas.

I enjoy teaching all areas of the curriculum, particularly Languages and Geography where children's enthusiasm shines through, as we get to travel the world without leaving our classroom! I also enjoy Art and English, where children become creative writers and poets or incredibly sophisticated artists.

Heron class will be a safe and welcoming place, where children feel valued, respected and inspired by lots of fun and challenging learning experiences. I am looking forward to welcoming everyone!



Mrs Dean (nee Newell)- Skylark (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

In January 2021, I started my teaching career at Shiphay Learning Academy as a Year 3 class teacher and was lucky enough to teach in Year 3 for two years. After these two years, I decided to move abroad to teach in Dubai and I taught Year 5 at a British Overseas School for two years. Since living and teaching abroad, I developed a keen interest in pupil well-being and in enhancing a positive mindset for children to thrive. After leaving Dubai, I was welcomed back to Shiphay as a Year 3 class teacher alongside taking on the role of Assistant SENDCO at Roselands Primary School. During this time, I taught in a Year 1/2 class and enjoyed teaching and learning the KS1 curriculum. This KS1 experience has allowed me to see where the children have come from and I am very excited to work in Year 2/3 this year.

Inside the classroom, I enjoy working alongside the children to learn together and collaboratively create inspiring pieces of work. You will often find me singing along to a range of different songs to help the children learn everything from times tables to the names of the continents! My classroom is a safe space where children can express themselves and aspire to reach for their version of excellence. I believe in creating a stimulating, friendly and calm environment for children to learn and evolve in.

Our classroom will be an exciting and joyful place where the children will feel comfortable and proud of themselves. I cannot wait for a year filled with wonderful, positive learning experiences and getting to know all of the children's different personalities.



Mr Jon Dolman- Skylark (Wed)

Since I joined the Shiphay Team 11 years ago, I have taught in Year 1, Year 5, Year 4 and Reception. I really enjoy teaching in Early Years and seeing the huge advances that children make in their learning journeys. I especially like teaching phonics and seeing the children turn into independent readers over the course of the year. I also get an immense amount of satisfaction from helping to support the Reception children in their personal, social and emotional development which is key to shaping how they approach the future whilst here at Shiphay.

My motivation to teach stems from my experiences in my previous military career, where nine years were spent in instructional positions. These included instructing new recruits in engineering and training soldiers on their trade course at the School of Military Engineering. When I left the military I was successful in gaining a place on the 'Troops to Teachers programme'. My teacher training was split between academic study, gaining a First Class Honours Degree in Primary Education Studies, with Brighton University and working in Shiphay Learning Academy for four days a week.

Since I joined the Shiphay team, I have had the opportunity to set up and run a successful Forest Club, which has allowed me to share my love of the outdoors with the children. I had the opportunity to work in many places around the world while I was in the army and had the chance to experience many different things, from working with the Kenyan Wildlife Service, helping to save rhinos, to looking for a lost Inca city in Bolivia. It gives me a great sense of satisfaction when I can use my experiences to immerse the children in their learning.

In my spare time, I enjoy keeping as healthy as possible by cycling and sea swimming most days. I also get very excited when out foraging for fungi and find some choice edibles.

Entrance to Year 2/3

The entrance to Year 2/3 is from the lower playground. Skylark, Avocet and Heron will need to come in through the Children's Entrance.



Veranda & Cloakroom

Avocet and Heron will head to the Middle School veranda and put your coat and bag on your named peg. Skylark will head through the corridor and go to their cloakroom next to the iZone. Place your lunch box in your Class's lunch basket.



Classrooms



The Hall

At lunchtime, you will walk down the corridor to eat your lunch in the hall. Hot lunches are served from the hatch. Once you have collected your lunch, you will sit down at one of the tables to eat it. Just as you did in Year 1 / 2



Toilets

You will use the toilets in the main corridor near your classroom.

The Lower Playground



Your playtimes and lunchtimes will be on the lower playground. There is lots of space for you to play with your friends.

When the weather is good, you may be able to have playtimes on the field as well.

The Middle School Library

You will choose a reading book from our lovely library where we have a selection of fiction and non-fiction books.



The Sensory Room

There is a special room, just like the Burrow, where you can go to have some sensory time or if you need some space away from the classroom.



The Decking

Outside Avocet class there is a decking area where you can learn and play when the weather is fair.



The Veranda

Avocet and Heron will use the MST veranda. Put your coat and bag on your named peg.

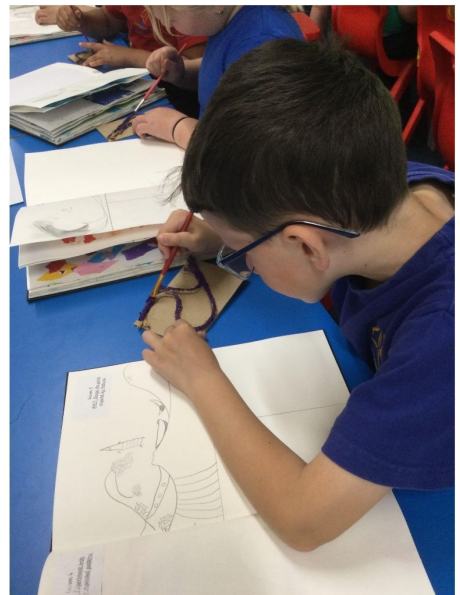
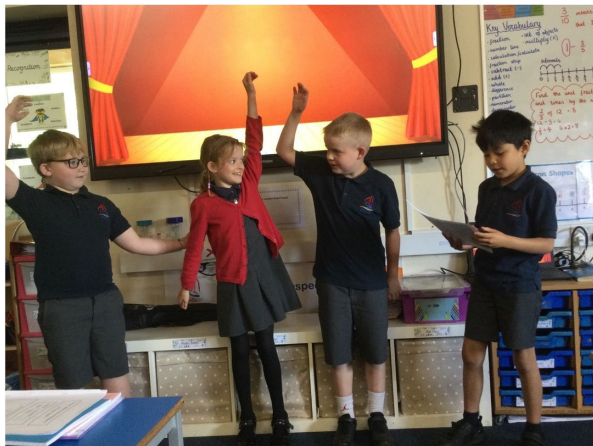


Learning in Year 2/3

In Year 2/3, you will continue to use your Core Values to reach for the stars in all areas of your learning! You will also be able to earn House Points and Praise Postcards when you are spotted being brilliant!



You will be building on your Maths, Writing, Reading and SPaG skills as well as lots of other exciting areas of the curriculum such as Art, Music, History, Geography.



My Thoughts

Please use this space to write down or draw any questions you have or things you want to talk to your teacher about in September.