**HIVE STORYLINE**

**STORYLINE PART TWO – In the lab**

As you now know, your mission is all to do with bees. That's right, bees!

When you think of bees, you might just think of fuzzy little insects that buzz around in the summer occasionally stinging people, but there's an awful lot more to them than that. In fact, without bees people would be in a whole heap of trouble.

But it's the bees that are in trouble just now. As you may have heard by now, bees are mysteriously dying out in large numbers in some parts of the world, including our own country. The government is getting into a real flap about it and they have demanded that the prime minister bring together a task force of brilliant scientists to try to solve the problem. So she sent her agents all around the science labs of the world and they came back with YOU!

Now your first task is to find out everything you can about how bees live: any information could be useful to our project: where do they live, what dothey eat, how do they organise themselves, how do they communicate... anything you can find out - Go for it!