Kites Class



Thursday 3rd September 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kites Class! My name is Rosie Miles and I am delighted to have the pleasure of teaching Kites Class again this year. We are very lucky this year to be being joined by Mrs Sarsfield, who will be with us all day Monday - Thursday. We are both really looking forward to sharing in your child's learning journey this year! On Tuesday afternoons, Miss Stroud will be teaching whilst I have DDSL time. My PPA on Wednesday will be covered by Coach Luke and Miss Stroud.

This term we will be learning all about crime and punishment. We will be exploring the justice system throughout history and will be going to explore prison life at Shepton Mallet Prison as well as having visits from the police. Please do see our topic map for further details of our learning and check our class page on the website regularly to see photos of us!

We will be continuing on with the reading challenge this year with the children being invited to a tea party with Mrs CC if they reach 250 nights read. All children will be given a reading record and can write in this every time they read (school adults will not be writing in their reading records so this is purely a record for the reading challenge). When they have reached a milestone (every 50 reads), this will be acknowledged in celebration assembly. We understand that the children will be reading to themselves a lot, but we would still really encourage you to hear your child read as often as possible. We find that many children lose confidence in reading aloud if this skill isn't being used regularly. Mrs. Sarsfield and myself will aim to hear your child read at least once a month to check that they are on the correct reading band. The guidance is that a child has to be reading 9 out of 10 words accurately to be on the correct band and so we would expect complete fluency before moving up to the next band. As the children increase in reading, there is sometimes a gap between what they are able to read and what is age appropriate/they are able to comprehend. This may mean that your child is able to fluently read books on their level but may not be moved on until it is appropriate to do so.

I will be sending out a list of the KS2 spellings. We will be working on these throughout the year and I would appreciate any work you are able to do with your child on this.

I would also please ask that the children do not bring pencil cases in to school as everything they need will be provided for them. However; your child will have a planner that I would ask they bring into school every day.

I am very excited that we will be going on our residential trip to Osmington Bay on Monday! Can I also remind you that the children will need a packed lunch on Monday and any

medications will need to be given to me with a medication form (can be found in the office). We will be leaving at 9am and you are welcome to wave your child off if you would like. We are aiming to be home within school hours on Friday but I will ask the office to send a message when we leave Weymouth.

This term PE will be every Tuesday with myself or Miss Stroud and Wednesday with Coach Luke.

Throughout the year, we will be sharing with you links for our PSHE units. This is to allow you to discuss the themes we are focusing on at home. This term we will be completing the units; 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Valuing Difference' The links for the at home activities are below.
https://www.coramscarf.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/me-and-my-relationships-9-11-years
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Finally, I would just like to finish by reiterating how excited I am for the year to come; I know we are going to all have a fantastic learning adventure!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have.

Rosie Miles