

## Kites Class



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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 Miss Hollingbery, who will be with us every morning and Monday and Thursday afternoons. We are both really looking forward to sharing in your child's learning journey this year!

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!

At the end of last year, Mrs Gambier made some changes to our reading books and she has introduced new reading levels for Key Stage 2. I will have heard all the children read by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and they will bring a book home the same day. Miss Hollingbery and myself will aim to hear your child read at least once a fortnight to check that they are on the correct reading band. Last year, several Kites managed to reach 250 nights reading and received a prize book – it would be fantastic to see even more reach this target this year.

As a school, we are changing our approach to spellings this year. The majority of spelling work will be completed in school, with an increased focus on patterns and etymology. Some children may have common exception words sent home if needed.

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 The Beacon Centre on Monday! I sent an email with further details of this earlier this week so please refer to this for any details. 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).

This term PE will be every Tuesday with Mrs Mills and Wednesday with Coach Luke.

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