

Resource sheet Planning a Whole School Kite Project or Kite Day:

- Involve a kitemaker/artist if you can afford to pay one.
- Plan in advance - staff meeting / twilight session with teachers/group leaders to set up the project and train all staff involved. Use the – who, what, where, when, how, and why process to plan the day.
- Have an advance virtual session with a kitemaker
- Start with a whole school introduction to kites – eg at assembly with some photos or kites to look at or maybe all make a mini kite together.
- Kite making can be carried out in classes led by teachers (with parent volunteers) following the training provided for teachers as above.
- On the final day of the kite project, everyone gathers in the hall ...talk about the making they have been doing and watch short video or slide show which you will have created. Parents could be invited in, pupils could help visitors to make a kite.
- Finally - everyone outside to fly the kites together (weather permitting)
- Don't forget to do safety discussions with each group separately and also maybe touch on safety in the hall session.

List of options for different kites showing progression, differentiation

Level	Kite type	General	special
nursery	Minikite	Can use templates and cut out own or use ready cut shapes No sticks	no tying
Yr 1	Diamond kite	– made from pre cut shape of plastic	Sticking, decorating, tying winding
Y2	Sled kite	– made from pre cut shape of plastic	Sticking, decorating,
Y3	Diamond kite	– using a template to cut own plastic	sticking, decorating, tying winding, tying
Y3	Vietnamese	Kite from bin bag plastic	
Yr 4	Small paper kites	For experimentation - alter shape and see what flies best	
Yr 4	Diamond kite	using measurements - create own template	measuring angles
Yr 5	Diamond kite	experiment with shape – make several and compare results	
yr 6	Shibori kite	Japanese style dyed paper – square diamond kite with 2 point bridle	