

November 2023

Dear families

Stretch - Cycle 1

As part of the English curriculum, the students take part in a 'Stretch' project. Students complete an independent project and explore questions related to the subject. Stretch projects prepare students for tasks at secondary school, research in further education and to develop essential independent learning skills to help them climb their mountain to university. Students benefit by developing their communication skills, both speaking and listening, as well as building their confidence when presenting in front of their peers.

Students complete their Stretch project within school which involves them being given set tasks to complete during lessons, researching and writing their speech. The speeches should be approximately 2- 3 minutes in length. Students are expected to aim to learn their speech off by heart, using notecards as prompts. They will then present their project to their class, where two winners per class will be selected based on a scoring system. The two finalists from each class will then take part in the Stretch Key Stage Finals where overall winners and runners-up are chosen and prizes awarded.

Cycle 1 Stretch topics

Year 3 - Should we protect animals?

Question 1. Why did dinosaurs become extinct?

Question 2. What animals/species are endangered now?

Year 4 - How have the Romans impacted life in Yorkshire?

Question 1. What impact did the Romans have on developing industry within Britain?

Question 2. What architectural features have we inherited from the Romans?

Year 5 - How has food in Europe been influenced by Africa?

Question 1. What foods were available in Europe before trade with Africa was established?

Question 2. Which foods are sourced from Africa today?

Year 6 - The Industrial Revolution - what have we learnt from it?

Question 1. What were the positive and negative effects of the Industrial Revolution on people's lives?

Question 2. What key things did we learn as a society from the Industrial Revolution?

Key dates

Class finals, including handing in posters for all students – **between 4.12.23 – 8.12.23** (individual class teachers will communicate the chosen date for each class).

Key Stage Finals – **14.12.23**



Posters

Students will be required to develop a poster at home which will support their presentation in the finals. Students have the option of either completing a poster to support their speech or creating a PowerPoint presentation. PowerPoint presentations should be sent to individual class email addresses, for example: nottingham@dixonsmp.com. In the 'Subject' box of your email, please state: 'Stretch Presentation' and students initials. Please note that a paper based poster or a PowerPoint are equally acceptable and A3 paper will be provided by class teachers. Posters should include key information, pictures, be bold and colourful in order to support the speech and students are able to use their notecards as prompts to provide more detailed information.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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