

May 2024

Dear families

Stretch - Cycle 3 2024

As part of the English curriculum, students take part in a 'Stretch' project. This involves students completing an independent project and exploring questions related to a given subject. Stretch projects prepare students for tasks at secondary school, research in further education and to develop essential independent learning skills which will help them climb their mountain to university. Students also develop 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 the school day where time is allocated for set tasks such as 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 3 Stretch topics

Year 2 - Who am I?

Question 1. What makes me special?

Question 2. What makes my family special?

Year 3 - In your opinion, would you prefer to be a Greek Olympian or a modern Olympics Athlete?

Question 1. What did the Ancient Greek Olympics involve?

Question 2. What do the modern Olympics involve?

Year 4 – Are we doing enough for our planet?

Question 1. Are we green enough at home and at school?

Question 2. What are retail companies doing to help our planet?

Year 5 - How can we save our planet from plastic pollution?

Question 1. How does plastic pollute the ocean and what are the effects?

Question 2. What steps can be taken to reduce plastic pollution?

Year 6 – Complete 'Dream Talks' in Cycle 3



Key dates

Class finals, including handing in posters for all students – **between 1.7.24 – 5.7.24** (individual class teachers will communicate the chosen date for each class)

Key Stage Finals – **11.7.24**

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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