

August 2025

Dear families

Stretch Cycle 1 – Year 2

To align with Key Stage 2, Year 2 will be completing three projects throughout the year, one in each cycle. The purpose of stretch is to develop oracy and self-confidence. Students benefit by developing their communication skills, both speaking and listening, as well as building their confidence when presenting in front of their peers.

The first theme for Year 2 Cycle 1 is linked to the History topic: Famous Bradfordians. Students will choose a famous person from Bradford and create a fact file about them. As this also links with the first writing piece in Year 2, we are confident that students will have lots of knowledge to support them with their Stretch projects. The research and the speech will be written at school. Once their speech is written and complete, students will bring a copy of this home to enable them to practice their presenting skills in preparation for the in class Stretch finals.

The speech should be accompanied by a paper poster or a PowerPoint presentation, this will need to be completed at home and then sent into school before the deadline. Any posters or PowerPoints should be clear and bright, illustrating key points made in the speech. Resources such as A3 paper to support this can be sent out by the class teacher if requested, please ensure you ask for this if required.

Key dates

Parent/families Stretch meeting , an opportunity to learn more about what Stretch projects involve and speak to teachers about Stretch projects on **Thursday 4 September at 3.20pm in the DMP hall.**

Stretch Class Finals will take place during week commencing **Monday 24th November 2025**, please email PowerPoints to the class email address (huddersfield@dixonsmp.com or leeds-beckett@dixonsmp.com) before this date.

A further letter for information on Cycle 2 Stretch will be sent at the start of the Spring term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support to date. Should you have any further queries, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Keenan
Year 4 Class Teacher and Stretch Lead

