

June 2022

Dear families

### **Stretch**

As part of the English curriculum, the students take part in a 'Stretch' project. Students complete an independent project based upon a theme chosen by their class teacher 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 have started their Stretch project within school which involves them being given set tasks to complete during lessons. Students will be required to develop a poster at home which will support their presentation in the finals however all research and speech writing will be developed in school. The speeches should be approximately 2- 3 minutes in length. Students are expected to aim to learn their speech off by heart, with notecards as prompts. They will then present their project to their class, where two winners will be selected based on a scoring system. The two finalists from each class will then take part in the Key Stage Finals where overall winners and runners-up are chosen.

### **Years 2, 3 and 4**

Class finals and date for handing in posters for all students is the **week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
Key Stage Finals – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### **Years 5 and 6**

Class finals and date for handing in posters for all students is the **week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
Key Stage Finals – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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](mailto:nottingham@dixonsmp.com). In the 'Subject' box of your email, please state: 'Stretch Presentation' and students initials. The filename for the presentation should be the student's first name.surname.class. 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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