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Dear families

As part of the Key Stage 2 English curriculum, students have been taking part in a 'Stretch' project. During each cycle, students in KS2 complete an independent project based upon a theme, exploring a question of their own choosing, based broadly around one theme or topic selected by their class teacher.

Stretch projects will prepare students for independent tasks at secondary school and research at university or a real alternative. They will also allow students to develop essential independent learning skills to help them climb their mountain to university or a real alternative. Students will benefit by developing their communication skills, both speaking and listening, as well as build their confidence when presenting in front of their peers. Stretch Final dates are to be confirmed and will be communicated after half term.

The project lasts for eleven weeks, where students have been set tasks to complete during lessons. Students have been asked to develop a poster at home, which will support their presentation in school. However, all research and speech writing is developed in school. Students are expected to learn their speech off by heart. They will then present their project to their class, where a winner will be selected based on a scoring system. Each speech should last for approximately 3 minutes.

Students have the option of either completing a poster to support their speech or creating a PowerPoint presentation which can be emailed to class teachers. In the 'Subject' box of your email, please state: 'Stretch Presentation'. The filename for the presentation should be the student's first name.surname.class. An example of this is: John.Smith.Cambridge. Please note that a paper based poster or a PowerPoint are equally acceptable.

Stretch Class Finals will be taking place week commencing 6 December. LKS2 Finals will take place on Monday 13 December and UKS2 Finals will take place on Tuesday 14 December.

If your child has produced a PowerPoint presentation, these should be sent to class email addresses e.g. nottingham@dixonsmp.com.

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

Yours sincerely

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