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Speech homework task

Pig hearts should be used in human transplants.

This term in school we have enjoyed reading *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman. As part of our English work, we have acknowledged different views on the use of pig hearts in human transplants and used this information in a balanced argument.

For homework, we would like the children to prepare a short speech, which explains their view on the above statement. The children will all choose a day to present to the class in the first three weeks of term 4.

There is no written recording expected for this homework, but there are activities that the children need to work through before their presentation date.

1) Think about the 'for' and 'against' argument for the above statement. The children may wish to list the points on each side of the argument, an example is shown on the back of this letter with some points that we have discussed in school. At this point, the children might like to find some evidence or research which they could quote as part of their speech.

2) Decide on which side of the argument they wish to present. At this point, they need to think about how they can include detail with examples to support their views. They might wish to make notes to help them remember their ideas.

3) Practise presenting their speech at home. They might want to look at some of the suggested language (see reverse) and think about how they can persuade their listeners. We have suggested that the children practise their speech to someone else and ask for feedback on how it can be improved, before they share in the classroom.

4) Present their speech to the class in school.

Please see the reverse of this letter for some helpful language and a starting point for the 'for' and 'against' argument.

Many thanks

The Y6 team



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Words and phrases, which might be useful in your speech.

My point of view is...

The evidence I would use to support this...

Additionally, some people believe...

I'm sure you are all aware...

You all know ...

It is obvious that...

One argument for/against this...

It is a well known fact that ...

It will not surprise you...

For	Against
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- It saves a human life- There are not enough human hearts for heart transplants- Animals are used in other forms of medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pigs' lives are as important as humans' lives- It might not work- It could be dangerous - there is not enough research