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## Debate homework task

### Pig hearts should be used in human transplants.

In school, we have introduced the children to our new class book Pig Heart Boy and it has sparked a lot of discussion. As a year group, we have looked at what a debate is and demonstrated how to share our view clearly and to respond to others appropriately.

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 coming weeks, not before the 17<sup>th</sup> January.

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 of one we started 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 attached 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

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