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Welcome to the next edition of Inspire! We hope you enjoy reading it!

Words of the week

Plethora (noun): an abundance or excess – *there was a **plethora** of restaurants to choose from for dinner.*

Gargantuan (adjective): Enormous, very large, massive – *she has a **gargantuan** appetite!*

Challenge: can you write your own sentences using these words?

Thinking Challenges

Years 3/4 – 1. What gets wetter the more that it dries?
2. What can be measured but cannot actually be seen?



Years 5/6 – One word in each set does not go with the others. Underline the odd word out.

Example: upbeat cheerful happy miserable

1. steel aluminium brass lino
2. abysmal atrocious medicinal dismal
3. visual aural ophthalmic optical

Recommended Reading

Years 3/4 – Fly Me Home by Polly Ho-Yen - As she struggles to adjust to life in a new country, Leelu dreams of flying back home to her father and the life she left behind. London is grey and cold, there's concrete everywhere; she doesn't want to be here. Leelu feels so lonely – but she's not alone. Soon she discovers someone is leaving gifts for her, wondrous gifts that bring her curious magical powers. Will they help her find her way home? Filled with magic, family and friendship, this is an unforgettable and moving tale of one family's battle to belong.



Years 5/6 - The Girl Who Stole an Elephant Chaya by Nizrana Farook - a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk. Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang?



Wellbeing

Steps into the Sky



Close your eyes, be very still and imagine that you are lying down outside looking up at the clouds. You feel so calm and relaxed as you watch the clouds gently drift past, changing shape and making patterns in the blue sky. All of a sudden, you notice a ladder made of white clouds coming down to where you're lying. Slowly you get up and start to climb the ladder. As soon as you step on to the ladder, you feel as light as a cloud. Climb up to the top of the sky. It is very quiet in the sky: you can't even hear the birds singing, as it is so high up. This is a secret hideaway place, where you can build a den made entirely of clouds, and creep inside it and be very still and silent. The clouds are so soft to touch, it is almost as if they are not there. When you are ready, you may lie down and enjoy lying on soft clouds. Stay here for as long as you wish and when you are ready, you may climb down the ladder and come back to the ground.

And now, when you are ready, wiggle your fingers and toes, have a big stretch and open your eyes...

Maths

Years 3/4 – If I save £5.50 each week for 9 weeks, how much will I have at the end of that time?

Years 5/6 – I am a three-digit number. My tens digit is five more than my ones digit. My hundreds digit is eight less than my tens digit. What number am I?

Poem of the week

Growth

by Neha (Year 7)

The world is changing,
I've watched it pass by.
For the better for the worse,
But we always recovered.
Blossom in spring,
Wither in winter,
But buds will grow from their founder.
War conquered, the world with despair,
But the Allies can see peace as clear as the menace.
Many moons go by,
The monsoon sends danger and,
The sun brings gold.
I age with nature,
And bring the beauty with me.

Inspiring Women

Dr. Maggie Aderin-Pocock – Space Scientist, Presenter

Dr. Maggie Aderin-Pocock is a British space scientist and a co-presenter of the astronomy TV show “The Sky at Night”.

She was raised by Nigerian parents in a council flat. As a child, she had to move schools and homes several times, and she was diagnosed with dyslexia.

She has worked on aircraft missile warning systems, developed a high resolution spectrograph for the Gemini telescope in Chile and managed the Aeolus satellite.



Thought of the week

“I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day, a fresh try, one more start, with perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning.” - J. B. Priestley

We hope you have enjoyed reading this edition of our Inspire bulletin and are always happy to receive any feedback you may have.

ANSWERS

Thinking Challenges

Years 3/4 – 1. A towel 2. Time Years 5/6 - 1 lino 2. medicinal 3. aural

Maths

Years 3/4 – £49.50 Years 5/6 -194