



Inspire Bulletin 62 – 5th January 2024



Happy New Year and a very warm welcome to the first Inspire Bulletin of 2024! We hope you enjoy reading it!

Words of the week

Judicious (adjective): Showing good judgement in actions or decisions – *Your judicious planning has contributed to our success.*

Remorse (noun): Regret for a previous action – *Rose felt remorse for knocking over her brother's sandcastle.*

Can you write a sentence using these words?

Challenge Word

Desultory (adjective): Of conversation, going from one subject to another in a half-hearted way or, lacking a purpose, plan or enthusiasm - *They chatted desultorily whilst waiting for the interview.*

Origin of this word: late 16th Century, from the Latin *desultorius* meaning superficial

Thinking Challenges

Years 3/4 – Three times what number is no larger than two times that same number?

Years 5/6 – The year 2013 uses four different digits. Which year did this last happen prior to 2013?

Recommended Reading

Years 3/4 – **The Journey by Francesca Sanna** -

What is it like to have to leave everything behind and travel many miles to somewhere unfamiliar and strange? A mother and her two children set out on such a journey: one filled with fear of the unknown, but also great hope...



Year 5/6 - **The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett** -

When young Mary Lennox loses her parents to a terrible illness, she is thrust into a new life with her reclusive uncle in the confines of the enigmatic Misselthwaite Manor. Consumed by bitterness and loneliness, Mary's life is about to change once more when she stumbles upon a hidden key and a long-forgotten door—a gateway to a secret garden full of mystery and splendour, where time stands still.



As Mary unravels the mysteries of the secret garden's neglected beauty, she embarks on a new adventure with her spirited maid and loyal companion Martha, her kind-hearted brother Dickon, and Colin, Mary's fragile cousin, whose illness has confined him in his chambers for years. Soon, Mary starts to blossom through the healing power of nature, helping Colin rediscover the beauty of life.

Wellbeing

RAINBOW – Close your eyes and imagine

that in front of you is the most beautiful rainbow. The colours are twinkling in the light. You have never seen such a colourful rainbow. It makes you feel so joyful and light just looking at it. You notice the beginning of the rainbow and you decide to climb it. The rainbow is made of thousands of tiny lights, all different colours. As you take each step, and your foot touches the rainbow light, your body is filled with energy. As you climb, you feel full of excitement and anticipation. Where does the sparkling rainbow lead? You reach the top. The view is spectacular. You decide to slide down. It feels such fun – this is the biggest slide in the world. Finally, you reach the bottom. Has the rainbow taken you into another magical rainbow world? Is there a pot of gold waiting for you? Spend a few moments enjoying the world at the end of the rainbow.

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



Maths

Years 3/4 – Continue these number sequences

9, 18, 27, 36, 45 _ _ _ _ _

775, 750, 725, 700 _ _ _ _ _

5, 4, 3, 2 _ _ _ _ _

Year 5/6 – Put the numbers on each line in order from smallest to largest

2212 2012 1201 1022 2120

7676 6776 6677 7767 7776

4849 4948 4489 4994 449

1161 6161 1616 6611 6616

Poem of the week

Geometry by Rita Dove

I prove a theorem and the house expands:
the windows jerk free to hover near the ceiling,
the ceiling floats away with a sigh.
As the walls clear themselves of everything
but transparency, the scent of carnations
leaves with them. I am out in the open.
And above the windows have hinged into butterflies,
sunlight glinting where they've intersected.
They are going to some point true and unproven.

Inspiring Women

A human rights lawyer who is blind, **Elham Youssefian** is a strong voice for the inclusion of people with disabilities when addressing climate change, particularly in relation to emergency response to climate incidents.



Born and raised in Iran, Elham emigrated to the US in 2016. Today, she plays an instrumental role in the International Disability Alliance, a global network of more than 1,100 organisations representing people with disabilities.

Her mission is to educate decision-makers on their obligations when it comes to the impact of climate change on people with disabilities. She also champions the immense potential of individuals with disabilities in the fight against the climate crisis.

And finally ...

Thought of the week

"You mustn't confuse a single failure with a final defeat." - F. Scott Fitzgerald

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

ANSWERS

Thinking Challenges

Years 3/4 - zero

Years 5/6 - 1987

Maths

Years 3/4 - **54, 63, 72, 81, 90, 99**

675, 650, 625, 600, 575, 550

1, 0, -1, -2, -3, -4

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