

## 61,782 VOTERS HAVE THEIR SAY

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## UP FOR DISCUSSION: DRONE USE

This week, VotesforSchools voters will be answering the question: "Should we be more worried about drone use?"

Why not discuss what you think about this question at home? Are you worried about drone use or not?

## THIS WEEK'S BIG READ: SPY PIGEONS

You might have heard of carrier pigeons, but have you ever heard of camera pigeons? During World War I, German inventors created tiny cameras that could be strapped to pigeons for secret missions. These clever devices allowed birds to take photographs of other countries from above.

Pigeons are able to fly closer to the ground than aeroplanes without being noticed, so these photographs were more detailed. Pigeons are naturally able to find their way home from any location, which meant that they were able to return the cameras safely after they had been used.



## GUIDED READING CHALLENGE

- When did people start using spy pigeons?
- Which country started using them first?
- How could pigeons be more useful than aeroplanes?
- What are pigeons naturally able to do?
- Find and copy a word that means "place" in the text.

## 2ND INAUGURATION OF TRUMP

Donald Trump has officially become the 47th President of the United States. President Trump took over from Joe Biden during the inauguration. The ceremony was moved inside the US Capitol building in Washington DC due to freezing temperatures.



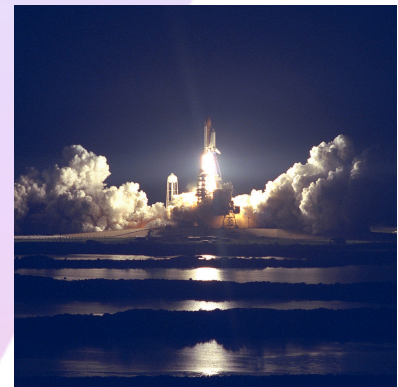
## GAZA CEASEFIRE UNDERWAY

A ceasefire between Israel and Hamas began on 19th January after 15 months of conflict. Israeli hostages and Palestinians held in Israeli jails have been released. Despite this, there are concerns from leaders over how long the ceasefire may last.



## READY FOR LAUNCH

Rocket Factory Augsburg (RFA) has been given the green light to launch rockets from the UK's new spaceport in the Shetland Islands. This will allow up to 10 rockets to launch every year, carrying things like satellites. The first launch is planned for later this year.



## SWITCHING IT UP

Nintendo has announced a new console, the Switch 2. The company says it will come out in 2025 but have not given a release date or any details on price. The original Switch came out in 2017 and became one of the best-selling consoles of all time.

