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Learning, Integrity, Dignity, Love, Confidence.**

Learning together, as we journey with God in Love, we act with Integrity, treat others with Dignity and grow in Confidence.

Dear Parents and Carers,

12th March 2021

During this academic year, one of our priorities has been to identify gaps in the learning which have resulted from the school closures in 2020 and 2021. One area of the curriculum which children missed due to the lockdown in 2020 was the Year 5 science topics relating to Living Things and their Habitats. In Year 5, this topic covers the human life cycle from birth to death and details the following aspects:

- Puberty
- Parts of the body (organs)
- How a human baby is conceived
- Gestation period
- Birth

We also look at how the body develops and decays. This knowledge is also tied into our Relationships and Health Education curriculum which also requires us to discuss puberty and conception.

This learning involves developing an understanding of changes for both male and females - reassurance and exploring feelings and how to look after yourself. This does involve the use of scientific diagrams of male and female reproductive organs.

In Year 5 children should also have learned about how conception happens in a scientific and factual way.

Due to the importance of this knowledge, we had planned to teach this unit at the beginning of the Spring term. Because of the national lockdown, we will now be teaching this Science unit at the beginning of the Summer term. All of the content will be scientific and in lessons any discussion will remain strictly within the limits of the curriculum content stated above. Any questions children have that are not related to those objectives will be referred back to parents.

If you have any further questions about this, please contact Mr East or your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully

Y6 team



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