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Dear Parents

Year 4 Science & PSHE Lessons: Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

Over the next 2 weeks, Year 4 will explore the human life cycle as part of our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) programme: they will describe the main stages of the human lifecycle and describe the body changes that happen when a child grows up. The scientific names will be used to describe male and female body parts and they will learn about some of the changes which happen to the body during puberty. By the end of the sessions, they will know about the physical and emotional changes that happen in puberty and understand that children change into adults so they are able to reproduce.

All discussions are age-appropriate and will address any misconceptions held by the children. The sessions will begin on Thursday 17 June and will be delivered by your child's class teacher.

There are many books on the market which could support discussions with your child at home.

Some of the books we use in school are:

- Hair in Funny Places (Babette Cole)
- Amazing You! (Gail Saltz)
- Where Willy Went (Nicholas Allan)

Legislation brought in through the Children and Social Work Act 2017 requires that pupils participate in RSE lessons as follows:

- Parents are not able to withdraw their child from Relationships Education in primary school or secondary school;
- Parents are able to withdraw their child from primary school classes which address sex education - i.e. those that do not sit within the Relationships Education curriculum;
- Primary schools are required to teach National Curriculum science, which includes some elements of sex education. Parents do not have a right to withdraw from this.

If you have any questions regarding these lessons, please feel free to contact me.

With all best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely

Miss Claire Thompson
Assistant Head of the Junior School