



7 June 2018

Dear parent/carer

During this term in Science, Year 5 will be studying the topic 'Animals (including humans)'. In line with the government's programme of study, we will be learning to describe the changes a human goes through as they become an adult.

This will include:

- Drawing timelines to show the different stages of a human life;
- Investigating how body proportions change;
- Discussing the physical changes that occur during puberty;
- Discussing the emotional changes that occur during puberty.
- There will be clear rules set for our discussions, which include:
 - Do not ask personal questions of teachers or other children;
 - Be sensitive to other people's feelings;
 - Be aware that you can choose not to speak if you feel uncomfortable about an issue;
 - Listen to each other;
 - Understand that it is alright to giggle sometimes (with embarrassment) but don't go over the top;
- Use the correct scientific vocabulary.

During one of these lessons, the children will be split with boys in one classroom and girls in another, in case they have specific questions they would like to ask about puberty. For all other lessons, the children will be in their normal class groups as we feel it is important for all children to understand the changes in both genders.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us via your child's school planner / contact book.

Yours sincerely

Miss Walker, Miss Griffin and Mrs Munro