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Dear Parents/Carers,

In accordance with the science curriculum in Summer 1, year 5 children will be studying the units *Animals, including humans* and *puberty*.

Science: This unit covers the stages of human development, how babies grow and develop, identifying the changes that take place in old age, gestation periods and life expectancy. It will also briefly touch on the main changes that occur during puberty.

Some of the vocabulary used within the lessons are as follows:

Key/New Words:

Sexual, asexual, reproduction, gamete, cell, pollen, ovule, fusion, fertilisation, pollination, cuttings, roots, gamete, male, female, sperm, ovum, penis, vagina, fertilise, pregnancy, gestation, monotreme, marsupial, young, life cycle, endangered, extinct, metamorphosis, amphibian, insect, transform, larvae, pupa, nymph, egg and embryo.

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Regards,

Miss Marshall, Mrs Brailey and Mrs Murray