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Let your light shine

“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

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Dear Y5 and Y6 Parents,

Just a quick note about this week's science work ... Mr Nelson has continued to plan work based on the functions of the human body; previous weeks' work has been about the circulation and digestive systems. The Y5 and Y6 science curriculum requires schools to teach about human reproduction, body changes and puberty:

Animals, including humans

Statutory requirements

Pupils should be taught to:

- describe the changes as humans develop to old age.

Notes and guidance (non-statutory)

Pupils should draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans. They should learn about the changes experienced in puberty.

Pupils could work scientifically by researching the gestation periods of other animals and comparing them with humans; by finding out and recording the length and mass of a baby as it grows.

This week's science work will be based around these areas of learning - we are aware of the potential sensitivities of this. In normal circumstances, classroom discussions would allow the children to learn and discover together, although we do encourage parental input and conversations at home to promote a positive and open understanding. Teaching this remotely makes this more difficult but it is important the children have an awareness of the issues involved. Again, normally, the Y5 children in Class 4 would also be part of this learning. It is healthy discussions which promote positive understanding about body changes at this stage of childhood.

Kind regards,

Mr Debenham