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Science Curriculum Coverage

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our broad and balanced curriculum, children in class 3 will be exploring human growth and development. Part of this topic will be covering the sensitive topic of sex and relationship education. As in all other areas of the curriculum, we believe the school has a role to play here which works in partnership with parents. We recognise that the children in our care come to us with a range of knowledge, needs, and abilities and therefore see sex education as an area of learning which is placed within the context of the child's spiritual, moral, emotional and social development.

We do not see Sex Education as a separate curriculum area but as an area of learning which permeates the whole curriculum and the general ethos of the school. Physical growth, change and processes are introduced according to the child's age and ability as detailed in the Science National Curriculum Programmes of Study, and this is statutory for all schools.

However, Sex Education is obviously more than this and will include work on relationships, feelings and attitudes, where the importance of caring human relationships are recognised. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from any part of the Sex Education Curriculum apart from that which is detailed by the National Curriculum Science Orders. Should you wish to withdraw your child from these lessons we request that you outline this in writing for the attention of Mr Snow/Mrs Price.

This topic will be dealt with sensitively and year 4 will be absent from some of the sessions due to the nature of the lessons and it will be taught to them when they are in upper key stage 2.

The topic of conception will not be explicitly covered but children will have the opportunity to ask scientific questions in the form of a sensitive confidential box for discussion with the teacher.

Miss Turner will be delivering this unit and if you would like further details on the content of these sessions please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards

Mrs Price