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SUBJECT: Y7 Science - Human Reproduction Lessons

Dear parents/carers

Next week in science we will be starting to learn about human reproduction. This is taught inline with the KS3 science national curriculum programme of study and we aim to approach this topic in the context of a 'life process'. Inevitably, there will be some overlap with 'Relationships and Sex Education' which is taught as part of the Social Studies (PHSCEe) programme.

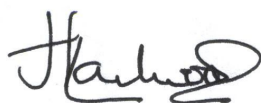
Children will often ask questions and we always try to answer them in an age appropriate way, whilst encouraging them to use the correct scientific vocabulary at all times. Most children will approach this topic in the same way they do any other, and will hopefully enjoy learning about this new aspect of biology, once they overcome any initial embarrassment.

A few children do feel a bit uncomfortable learning about human reproduction and may appreciate you sitting nearby during their science lessons, if that is at all possible. It is also a possibility they may ask you some specific questions and you could see diagrams of reproductive organs on their screens. The main purpose of this letter is to prepare you for this and to reassure you that we always try to remain sensitive to the varied needs of our pupils and are here to help.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at hailwood.j@risedale.org.uk

Finally, a personal thank-you for all the learning support you have provided for your children in their online science lessons over the last few weeks. I hope to be able to offer some live learning lessons very soon to complement this.

Yours sincerely



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