

Dear Parents,

Over the next 7 weeks, Year 5 will be following a unit of work called **Growing Up** that focuses on understanding our bodies and the changes that will happen, both on the inside and the outside, as we prepare to enter into adulthood. We will be using videos containing graphic images as part of our lessons, 'All About Us: Living and Growing - Alternative' (Channel 4).

During these units we will be focusing on Science and Society.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- How male and female bodies grow and develop
- About the changes that take place during puberty for boys and girls
- How humans reproduce
- How a baby develops inside its mother

In Society, we'll be finding out:

- About different types of relationship
- About the personal and social factors that can influence our lifestyle decisions
- About love and what it means to different relationships

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you. To help you with this, a **Knowledge Organiser** can be downloaded from the school website. [www.wrotham-road.kent.sch.uk](http://www.wrotham-road.kent.sch.uk)

If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest is most important. If you have any comments or questions about your child's learning, please get in touch.

As per the letter regarding 'RSE - Relationships and Health Education', parents are entitled to withdraw their child from the Human Reproduction lesson(s) ONLY. Please notify your child's teacher if this is the case.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Stenson & Mr Alderson