



Ark John Keats Academy

Dear Y5 Parents/Carers,

This term, pupils in Year 5 will be taught a Science unit titled 'Getting Older'.

During this unit, they will learn about the changes that humans go through during their lifetimes. They will learn about how babies develop in the uterus; they will also be taught about the physical and emotional changes of puberty (including the menstrual cycle). In Year 5, they are **not** taught about conception or the act of reproduction.

This is statutory content that schools have a legal duty to teach to all pupils in Year 5. The National Curriculum for Science states that:

Pupils should be taught to:

- describe the changes as humans develop to old age

Notes and guidance

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

If you would like to know more about the exact content that will be taught during this unit, or have any other questions, please email info@arkjohnkeatsacademy.org and ask to speak to me. I would be more than happy to show you the resources that we will use in our lessons and discuss any concerns you have.

It is our experience in the past that children often come home after lessons in this unit with questions that they want to ask a trusted adult in their family. It is of course up to you to decide what you want to share with your children at this stage; however, we wanted as a school to give you advanced warning!

Warm wishes,

Mr Etheridge
(Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Teaching)