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Year 5 Science Curriculum: Living things and their habitats

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We are writing to make you aware of our current Year 5 Science content. The Year 5 children are currently covering the unit '**Living things and their habitats**', focusing on animal and plant life cycles. The following statements has been directly copied from the National Curriculum and outlines the objectives that we are obliged to teach in Year 5. We are happy to discuss the content with you during the teaching of this unit.

Statutory science (National Curriculum)

Living things and their habitats

Pupils should be taught to:

- describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird
- describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals
- find out about different types of reproduction, including sexual and asexual reproduction in plants, and sexual reproduction in animals

It is important to note that we will be using scientific vocabulary and focusing on the definitions outlined in the National Curriculum. We won't be going into unnecessary detail and aim to ensure that our pupils understand the scientific processes clearly.

We do not teach sex education in primary school. The focus is on understanding how living things reproduce, so their kind can continue, in an age-appropriate way for Year 5 pupils.

If you would like to discuss anything in this letter, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team