

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term, we are working through the unit, 'Changing and Growing' which encourages children to recognise changes around them, including our bodies and the things they enable us to do. We have already mentioned the main organs, such as the heart and their functions. Teaching will discuss how to maintain personal hygiene and the physical differences between boys and girls. One of the lessons will include naming body parts. Included within this lesson will be the term 'private' body parts and as a class we shall be using words such as 'penis' and 'vagina' when naming these areas of the body, as these are the scientific words for these parts. We will cover the 'pants rule', discussing that their privates are theirs and belong to them.

You can find further information on the NSPCC site:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

This is part of the Statutory National Curriculum for Relationship and Health Education and Science. We would like to reassure you that this area of learning will be delivered in a sensitive and age-appropriate way. If, you would like to discuss this further please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Derry, who leads RHE in school.

Our policy for RSE is on the school website:

<https://www.westcroftschoo.co.uk/information/policies/>

<https://www.westcroftschoo.co.uk/information/parent-information/relationships-health-and-sex-education/>

Thank you for your support with this,

S. Derry.