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### **Year 5 topic introduction 'Being Human'**

Dear Parents,

Over the next three weeks the children in Year 5 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on 'The Human Body'.

During this unit we will be focusing on Science, Technology and International.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- How humans are different from other animals
- About the brain and the nervous system
- About the bones and muscles in the body
- How the human heart works
- How we breathe and what the lungs do
- What we inherit from our parents
- How the body uses food and water

- How our environment affects us
- About the latest medical research

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to plan and prepare a healthy meal

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About a major global health problem

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.

Help your child to find out about the ways in which humans are different from other animals. Learn some basics about human anatomy, e.g. the workings of the skeletal, muscular, digestive and respiratory systems in the human body. Discuss as a family, how you can stay healthy.

By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom. And we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments about the work your child has done, please get in touch.

Kind regards,  
The Year 5 Team