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We are an Operation Encompass School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Over the next few weeks, as part of our RSE and PSHE curriculum, Year 4 will be working through Unit 4: Life Cycles.

What happens in the session?

In this session, pupils will explore the miraculous nature of human conception and birth. Beginning with an allegorical story from Kester's Adventures which establishes that we were handmade by God with our parents help, children will then go on a journey to discover how life is created in the womb and learn the appropriate technical terms. The session will end with a thanksgiving meditation.

Parent note: Sexual intercourse is not discussed in this session or at this age.

What do children learn?

- That they were handmade by God with the help of their parents
- How a baby grows and develops in its mother's womb including, scientifically, the uniqueness of the moment of conception
- How conception and life in the womb fits into the cycle of life
- That throughout their lives human beings act at three integrated levels: physical, psychological and spiritual

Suggested Home Activity

This is a fun exercise to do with your child, but it offers an important chance to talk about the learning on conception and birth that the pupils have been doing at school.

Make fingerprint people: Ink your thumbs and make a fingerprint on a sheet of paper. Take a good look at each other's prints. What are the differences, similarities? How would they describe the shapes? You might like to share that fingerprints are formed in the womb on little fingers from the age of six months! And, of course, no two are the same.



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- Then make your prints into people by adding eyes, mouth, etc.
- Join two or more together to make bigger objects.
- Create your own scenes with fingerprint people, animals, machines etc.

Additionally, if you have any ultrasound (in the womb) pictures of your child, it would be a great moment to share them with your child.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Price