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Year 6 Science – Heart dissection

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday 10th December, children will have the opportunity to dissect a lamb's heart. This is part of the science objective, 'identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood'. This will enhance our science curriculum, bring anatomy to life and provide a unique learning experience for children.

In the lesson, we will investigate:

- The function of the heart and how to keep it healthy
- Circulation of blood through the heart and lungs
- The anatomy of the heart and the roles of the different parts
- How to dissect a lamb's heart safely and identify the main structures
- Diseases of the heart and how surgeons can repair defects such as holes in the heart.

The lesson will run in a clinical manner: children will be given gloves and an apron to protect their clothing.

As this opportunity is only to enhance our curriculum and is not a statutory requirement, children may opt out of this lesson if they feel they are not able to complete the activity. In this time, they will be in a different classroom, learning about the heart in a different manner.

Please complete the online permission form <https://forms.office.com/r/ePyA2kAYRA> for your child to take part by Wednesday 8th December. If you would like your child to opt out, (or your child would like to opt out) please ensure that you detail this on the online form so that we are aware of this.

Any concerns, please see your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Year 6 Team