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### Science – Heart Dissection

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term 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'.

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 to enhance the curriculum and is not a requirement, children can choose if they would like to participate. If so, they will spend half an hour with Mrs Wheeler dissecting a heart. If not, they will be in class continuing with lessons.

Please discuss this opportunity with your child and **return the slip to your child's teacher by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. As this is opt-in, **not returning the slip will indicate that they do not want to participate**. Should you have any questions or concerns, please see your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Griffiths  
(Year 6 Teacher)

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**Please return this slip to your class teacher by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023**

My child would like to participate in the heart dissection and I give them permission to do this.

My child will not be participating in the heart dissection.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Person with parental responsibility

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